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HEY! YOU  
CAN'T WRECK  
ALCHEMAX--

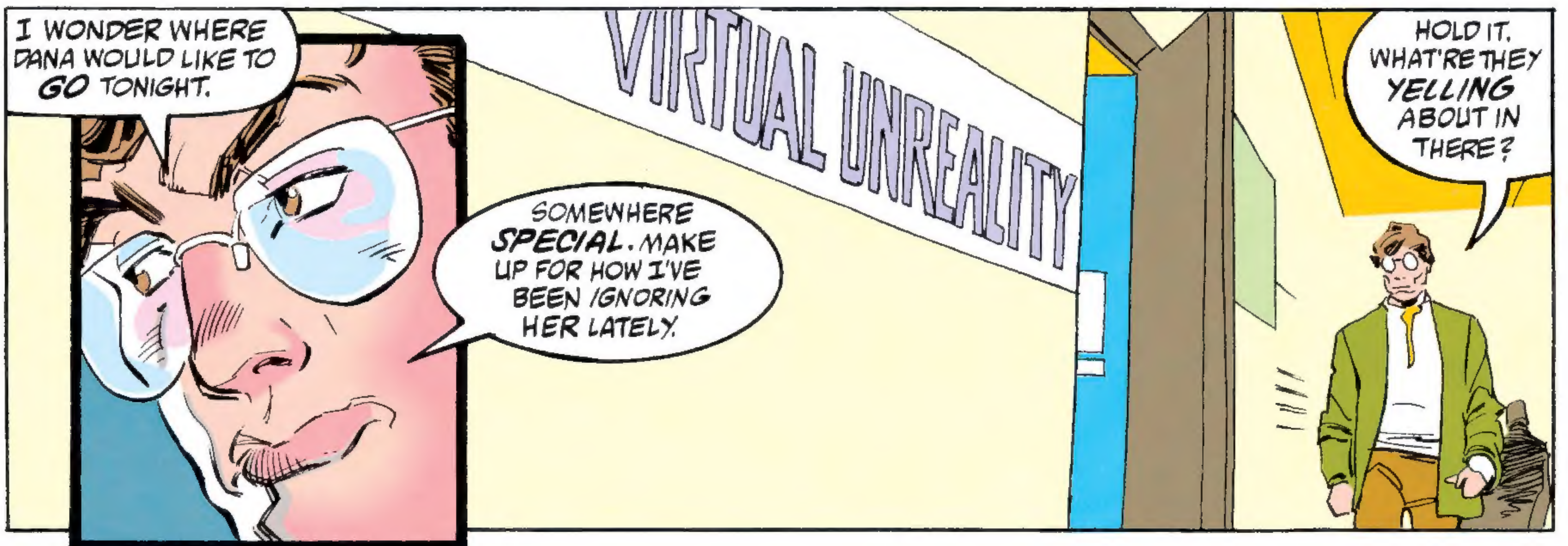
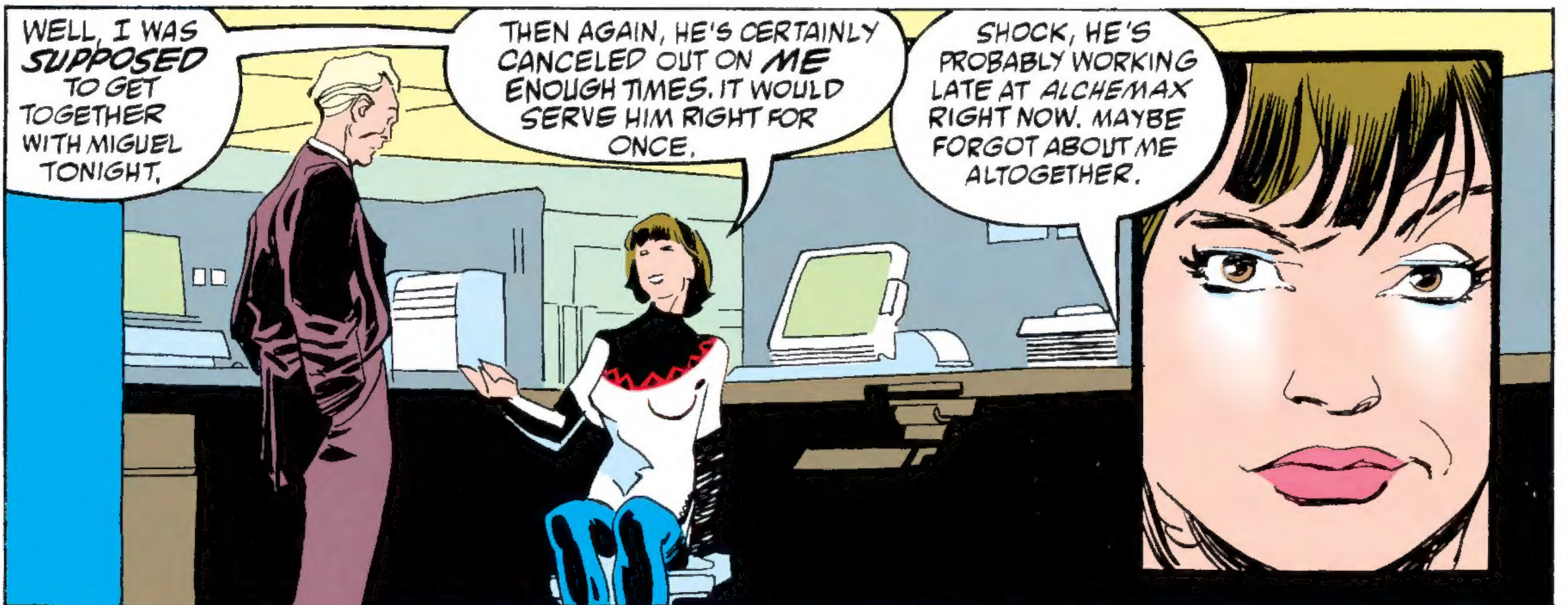
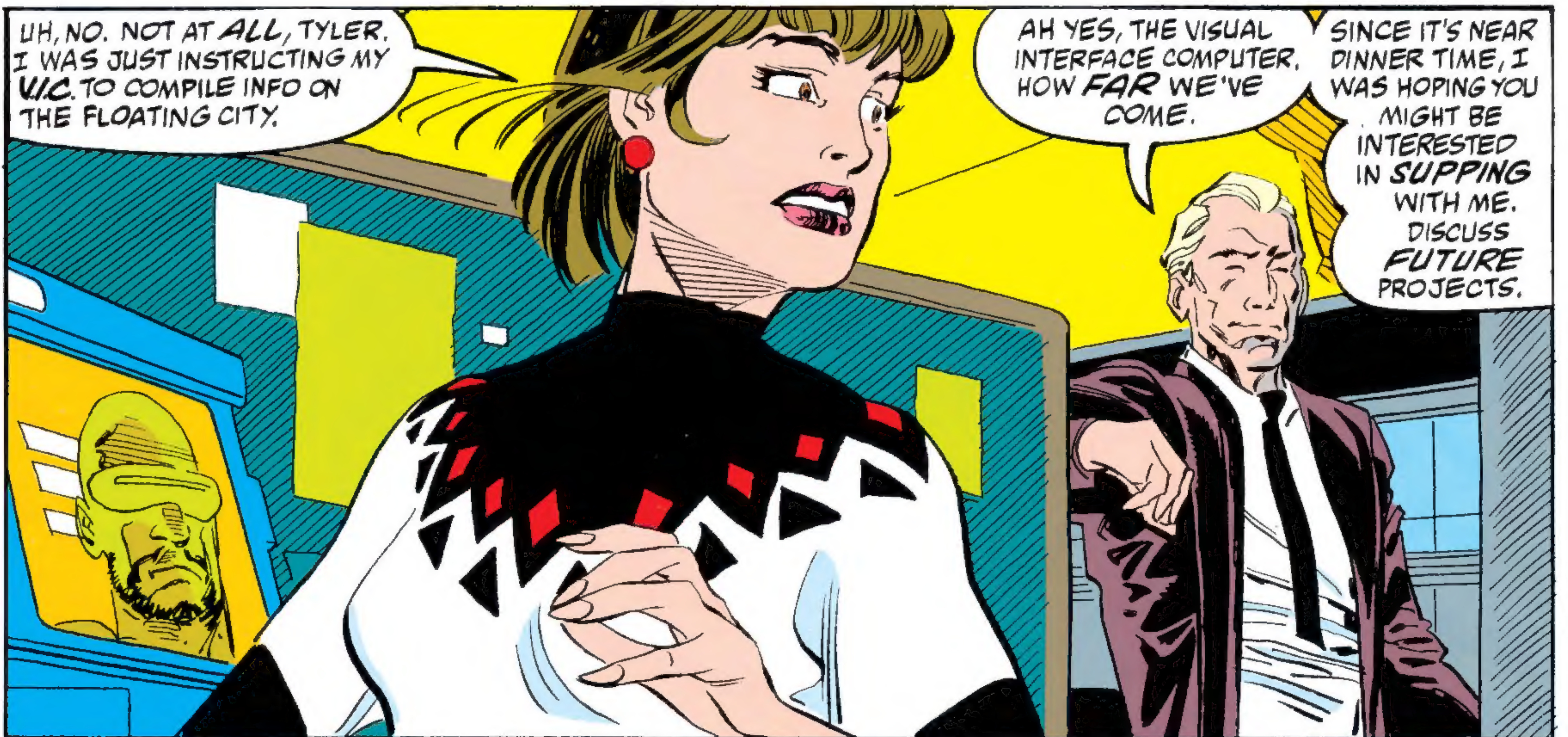
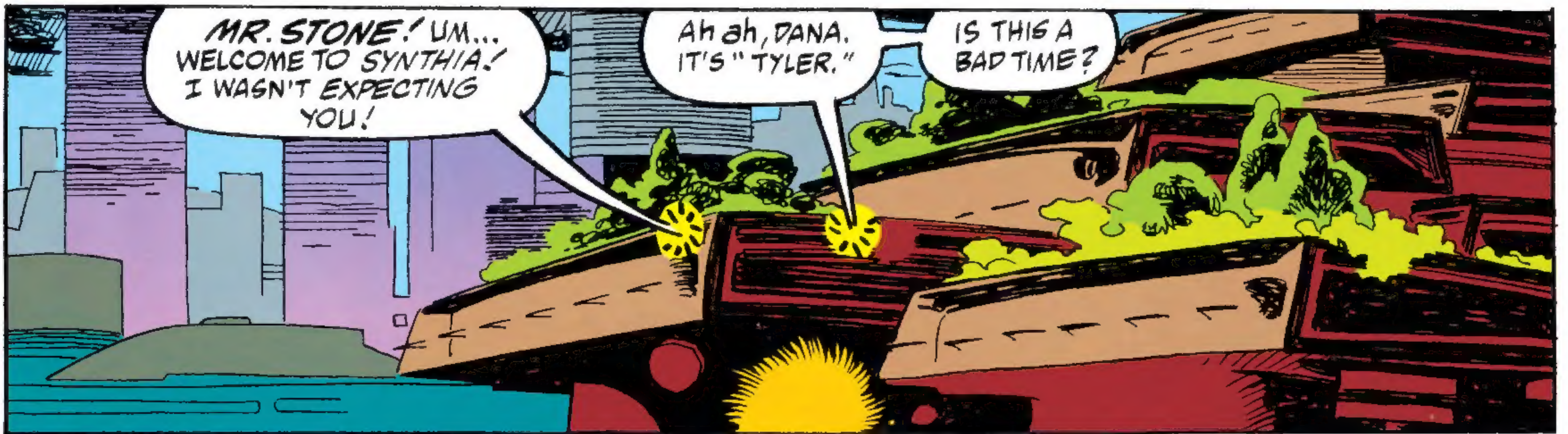
--THAT'S  
MY  
JOB!

LEONARDI  
WILKINSON



**THANOS**

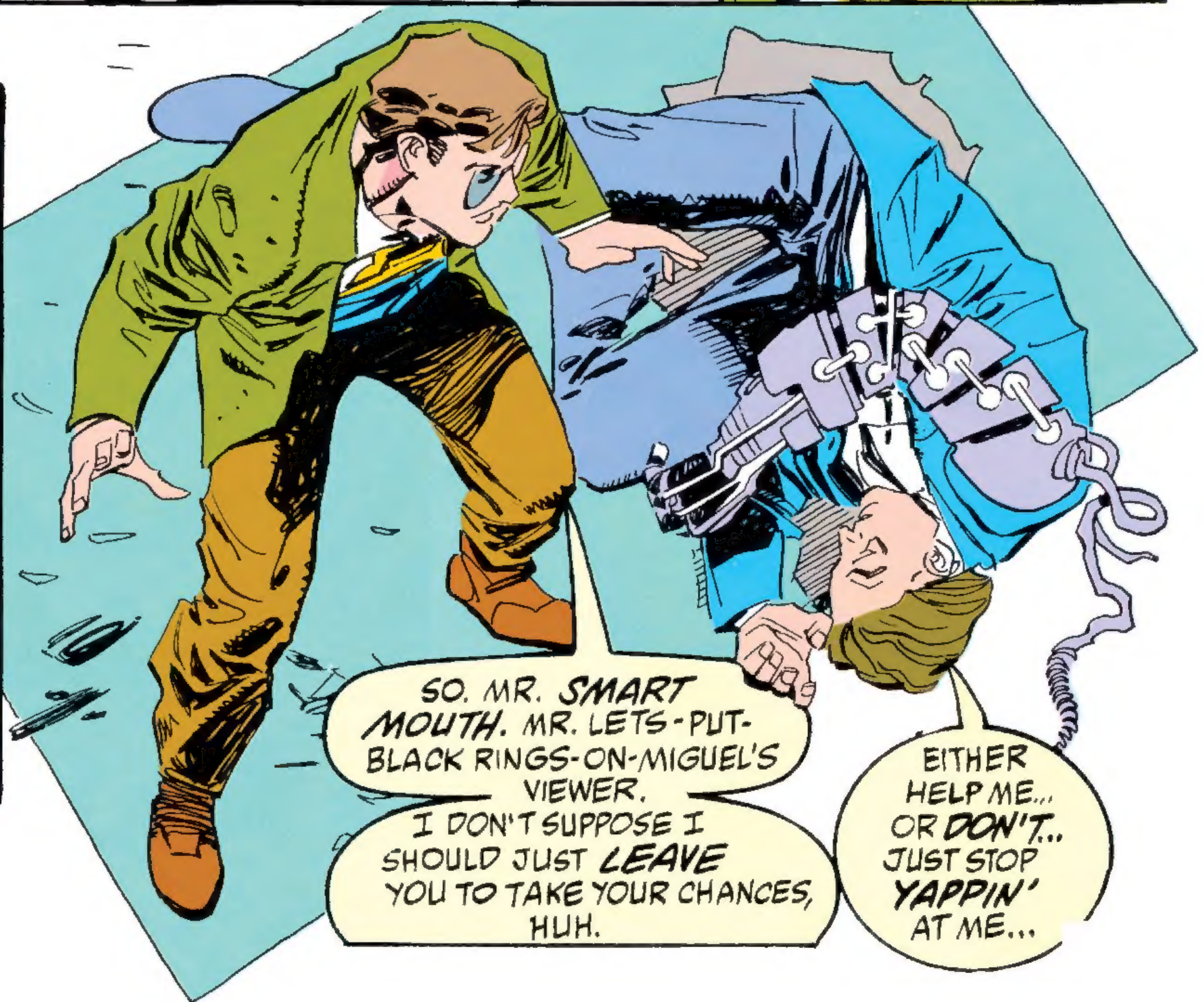
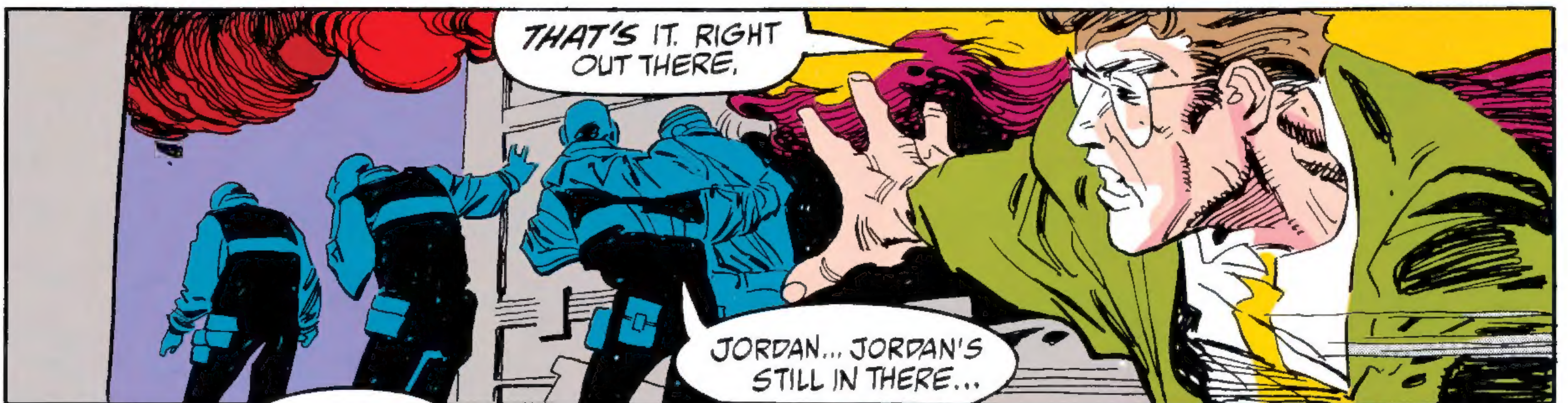
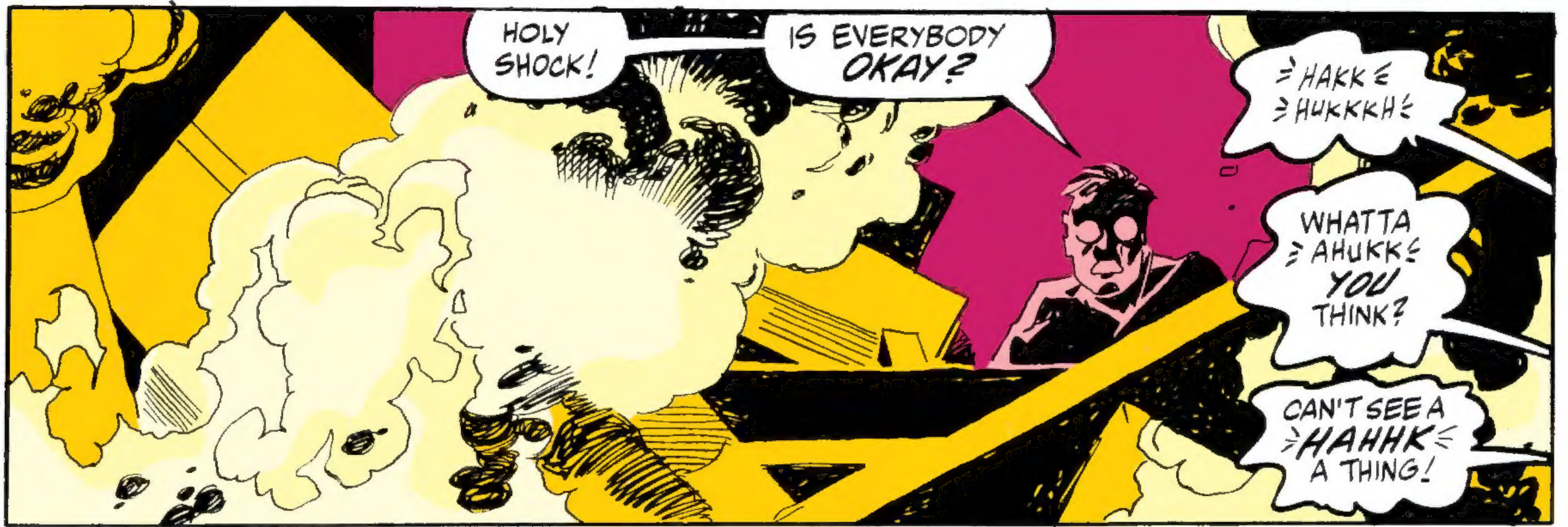




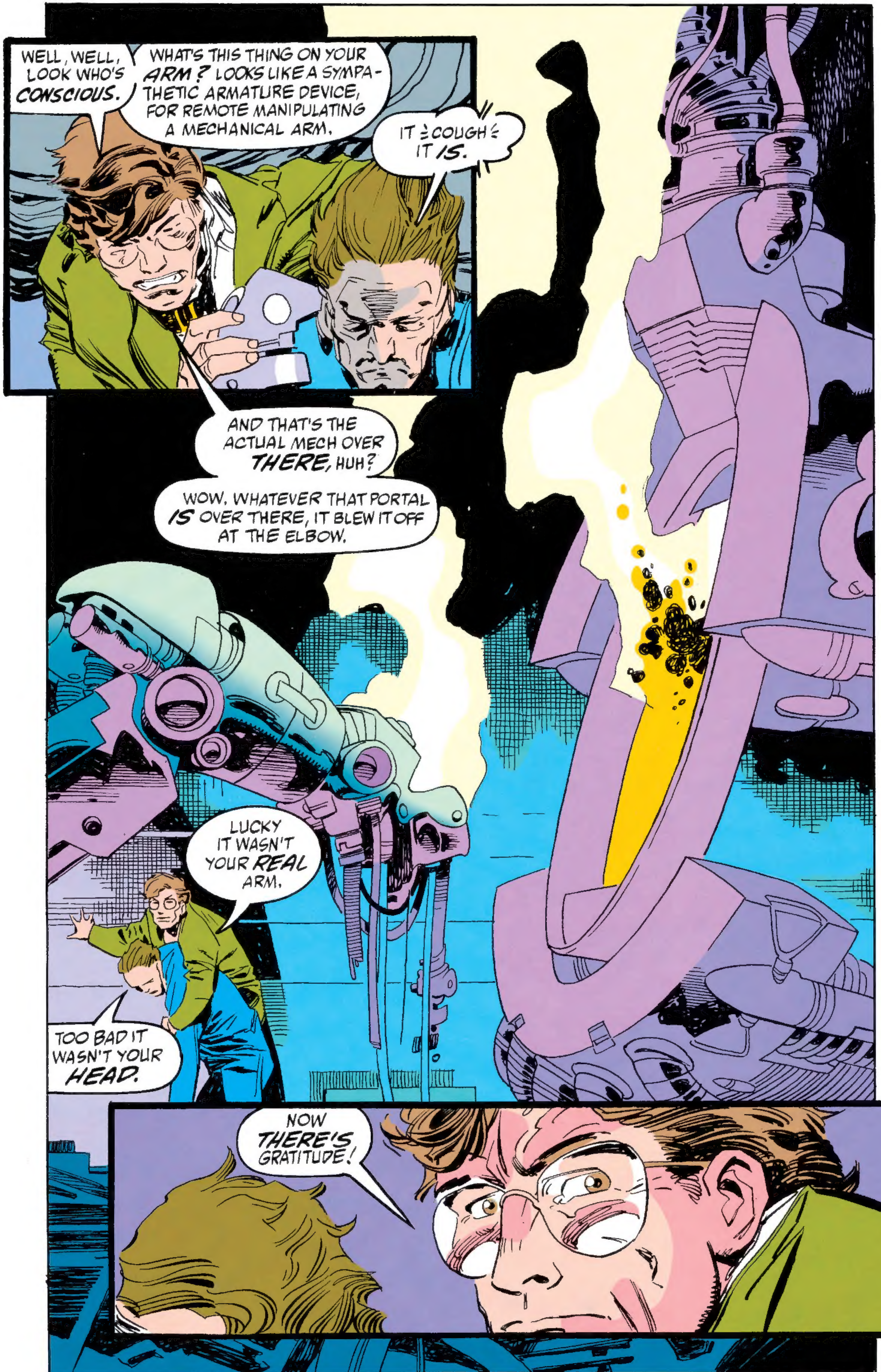












WELL, WELL,  
LOOK WHO'S  
*CONSCIOUS.*

WHAT'S THIS THING ON YOUR  
*ARM?* LOOKS LIKE A SYMPA-  
THETIC ARMATURE DEVICE,  
FOR REMOTE MANIPULATING  
A MECHANICAL ARM.

IT *IS* COUGH  
IT *IS.*

AND THAT'S THE  
ACTUAL MECH OVER  
*THERE, HUH?*

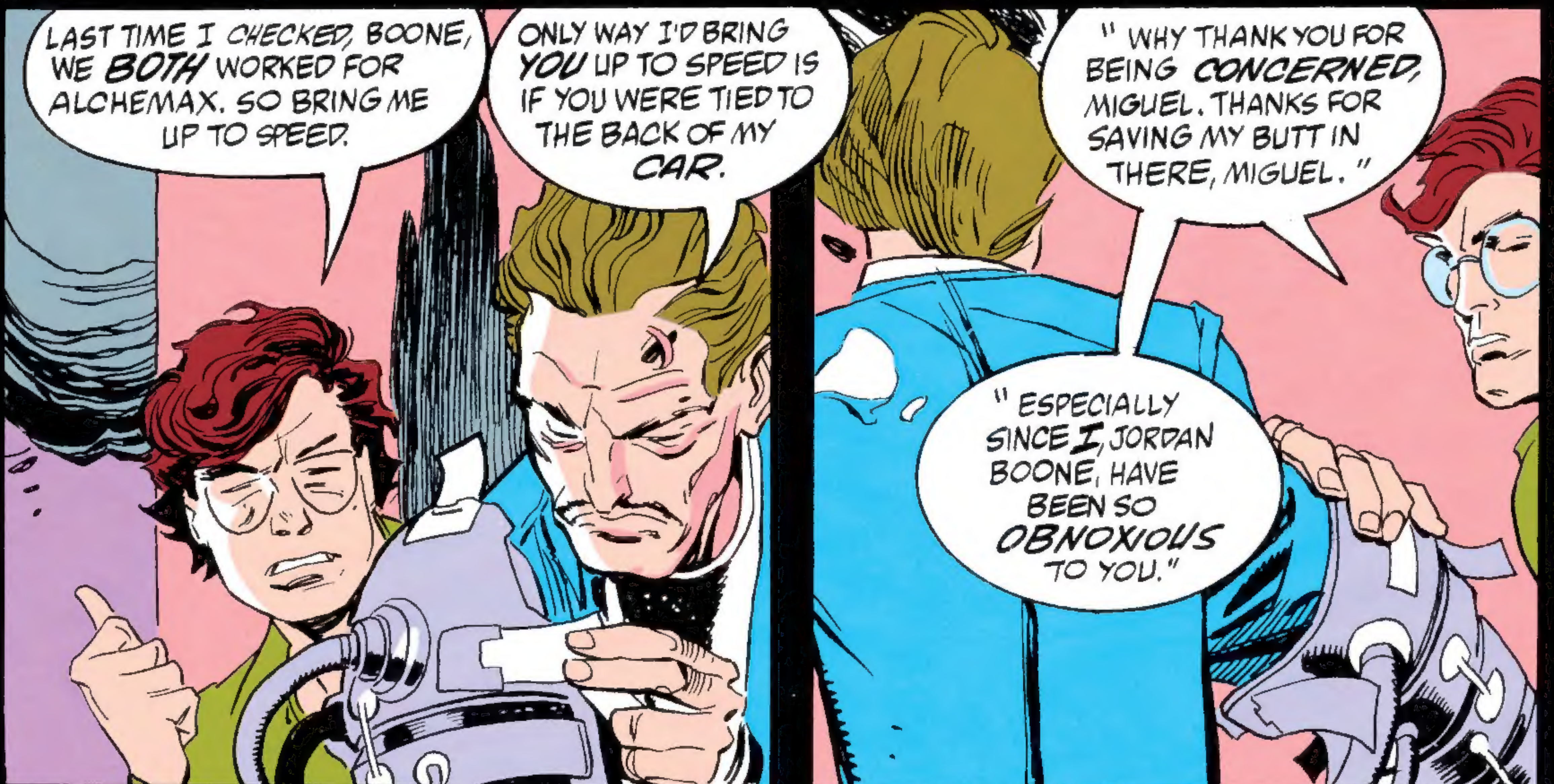
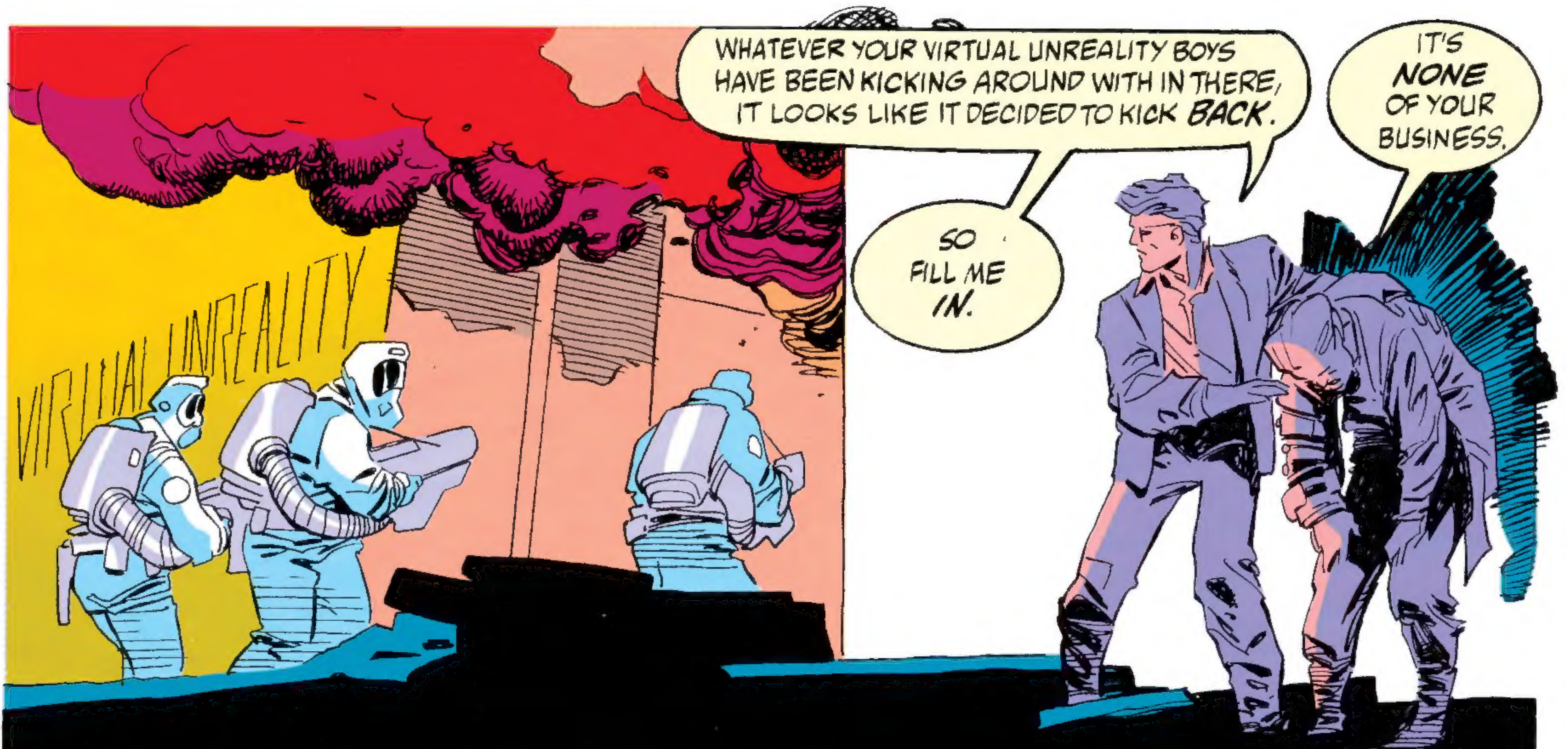
WOW, WHATEVER THAT PORTAL  
*IS* OVER THERE, IT BLEW IT OFF  
AT THE ELBOW.

LUCKY  
IT WASN'T  
YOUR *REAL*  
ARM.

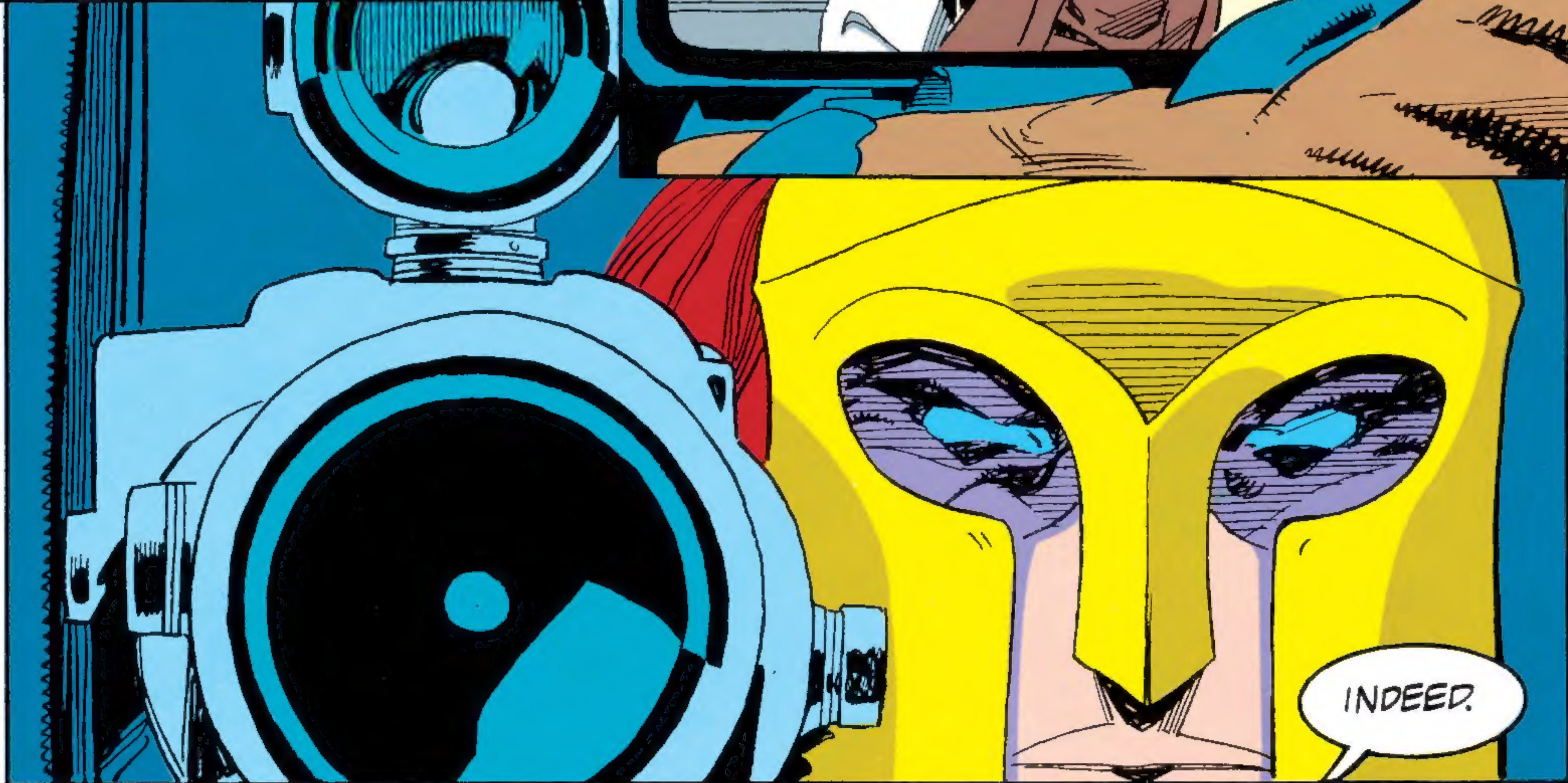
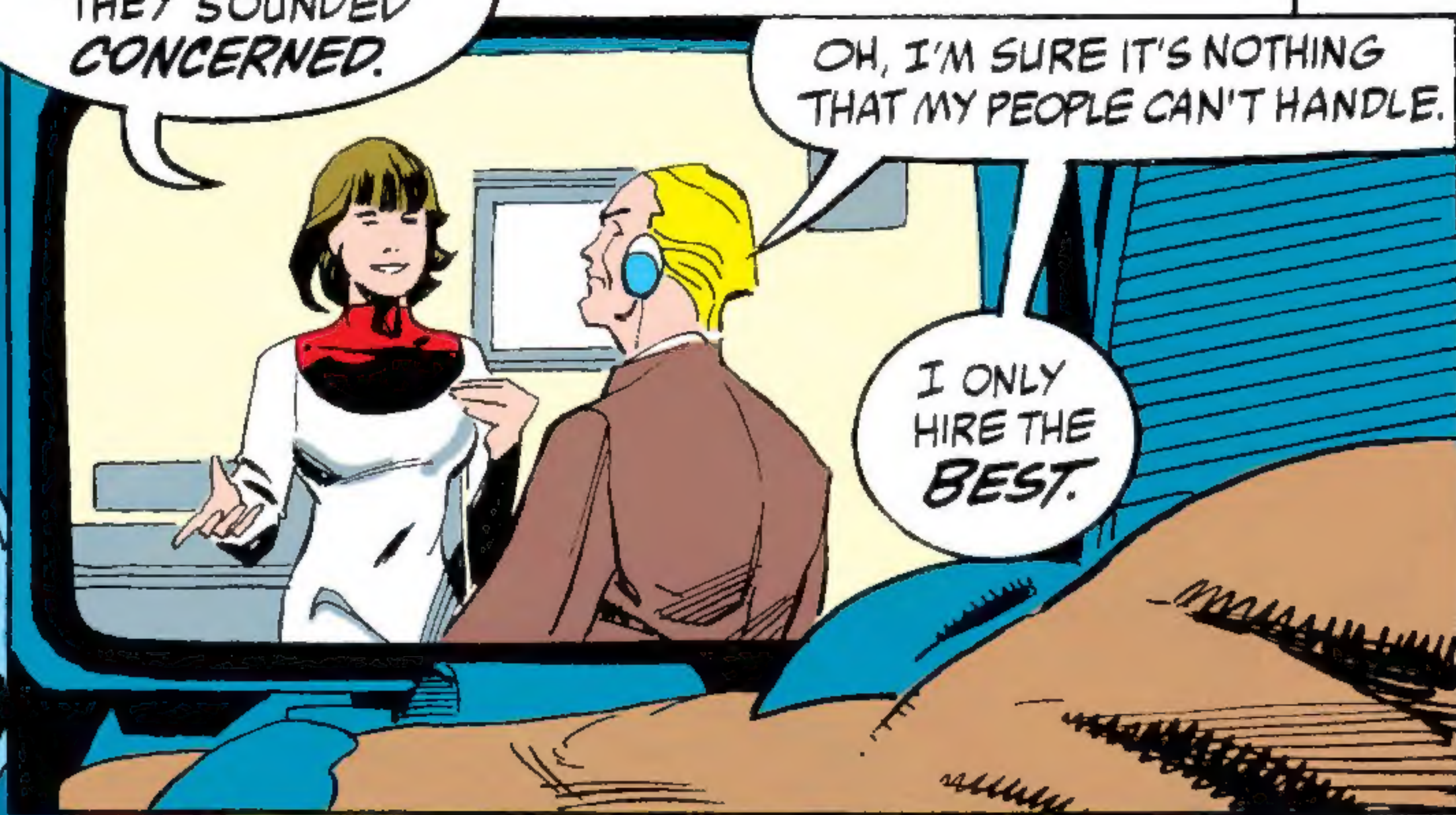
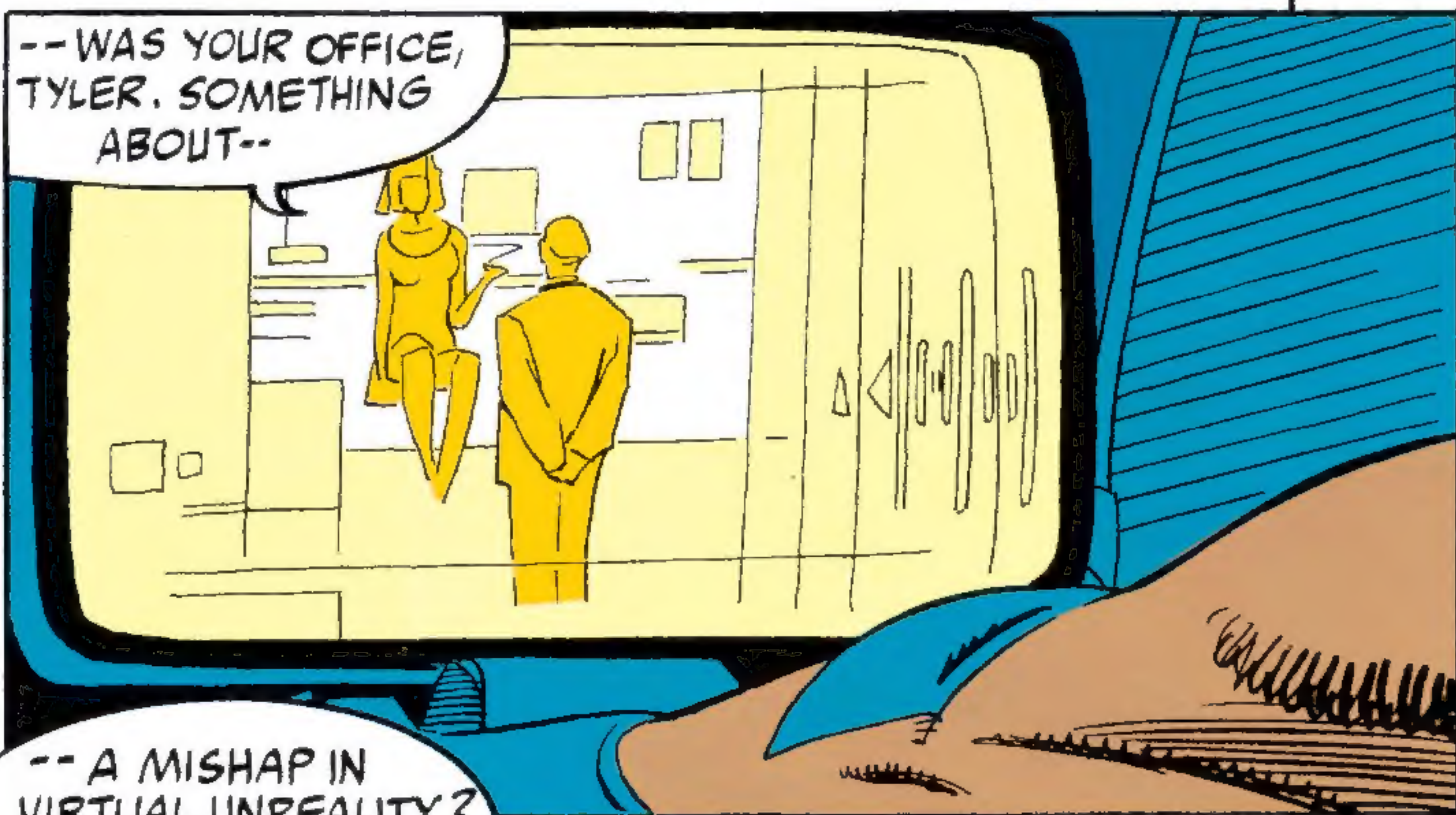
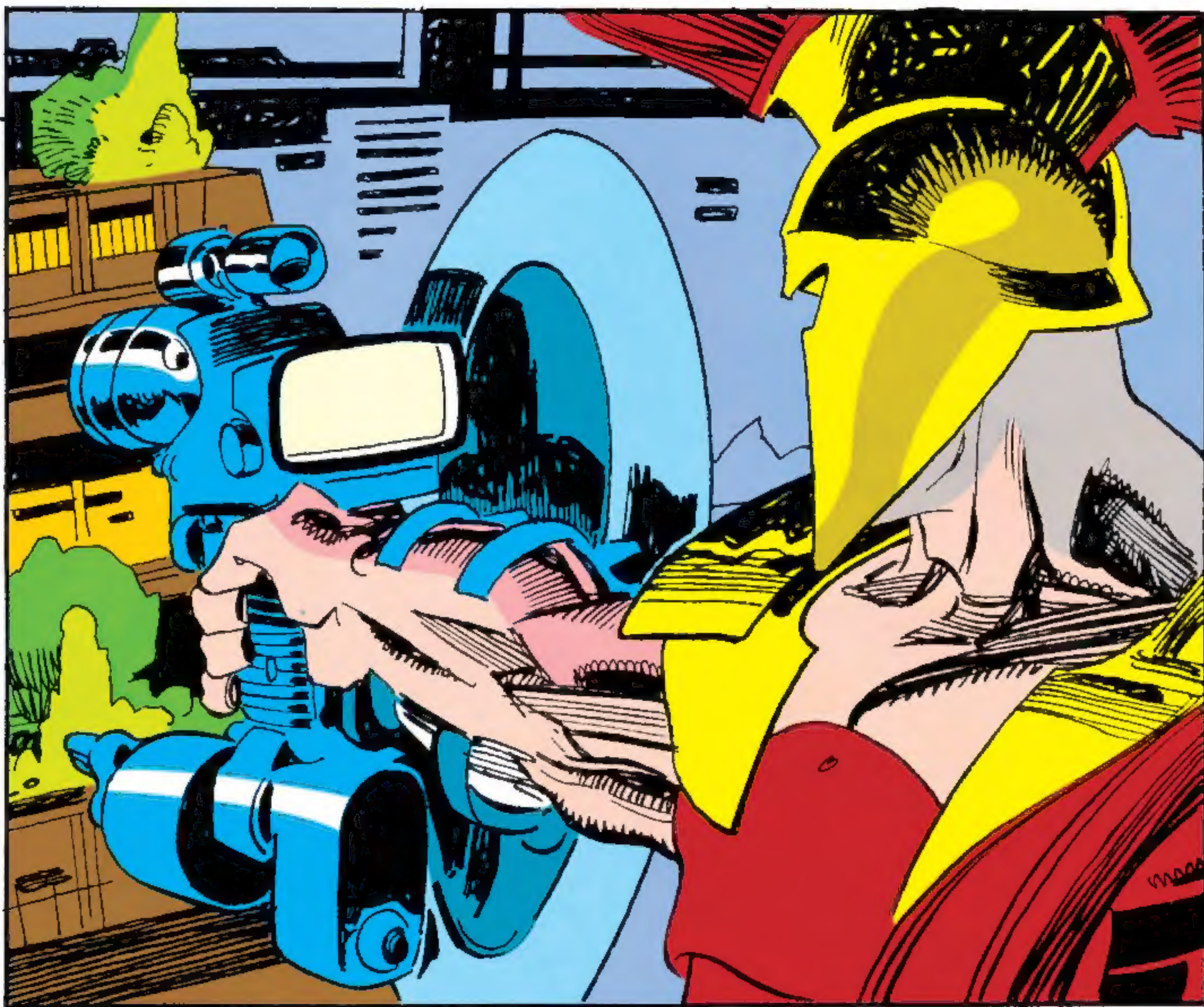
TOO BAD IT  
WASN'T YOUR  
*HEAD.*

NOW  
*THERE'S*  
GRATITUDE!

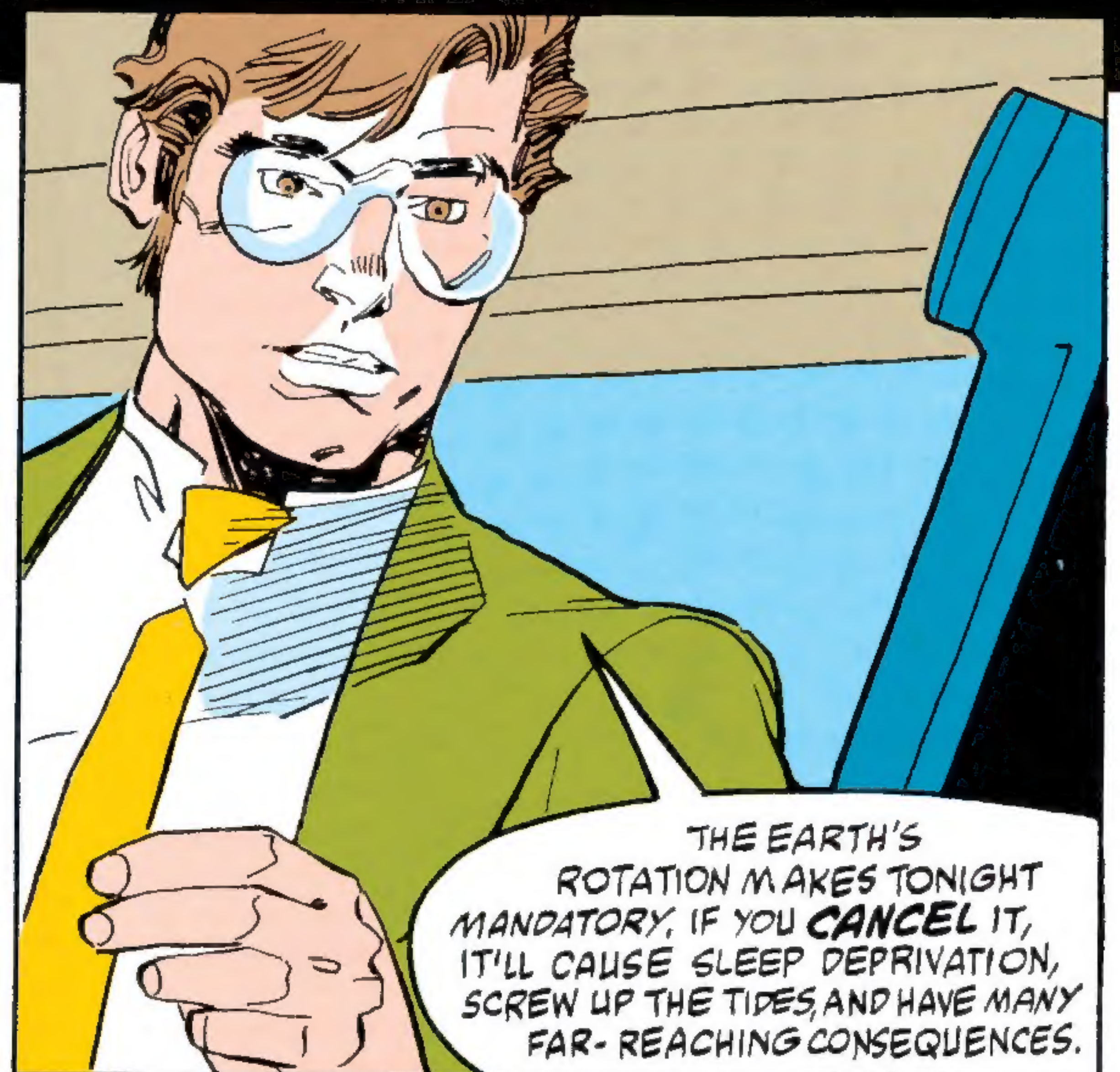
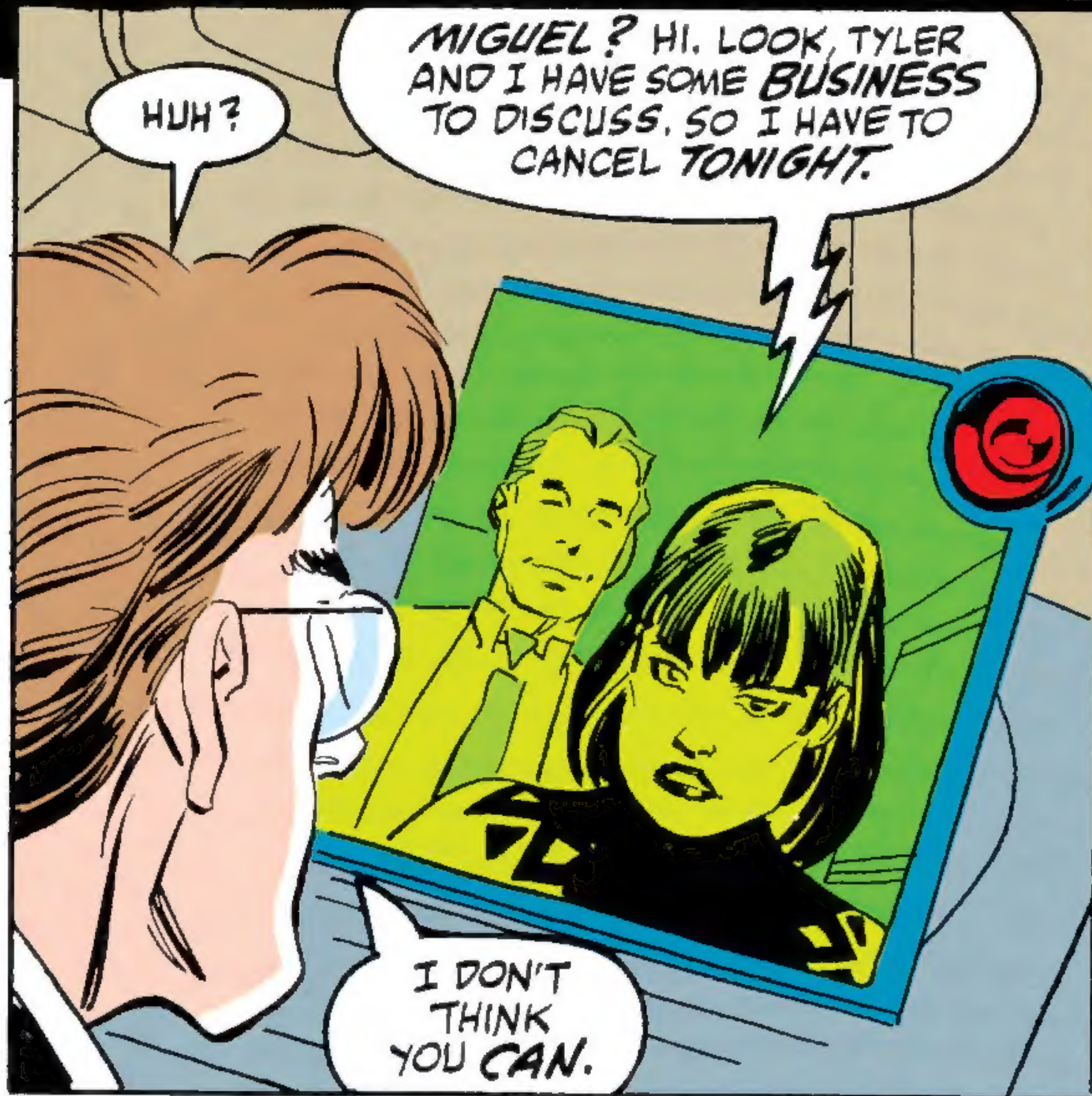
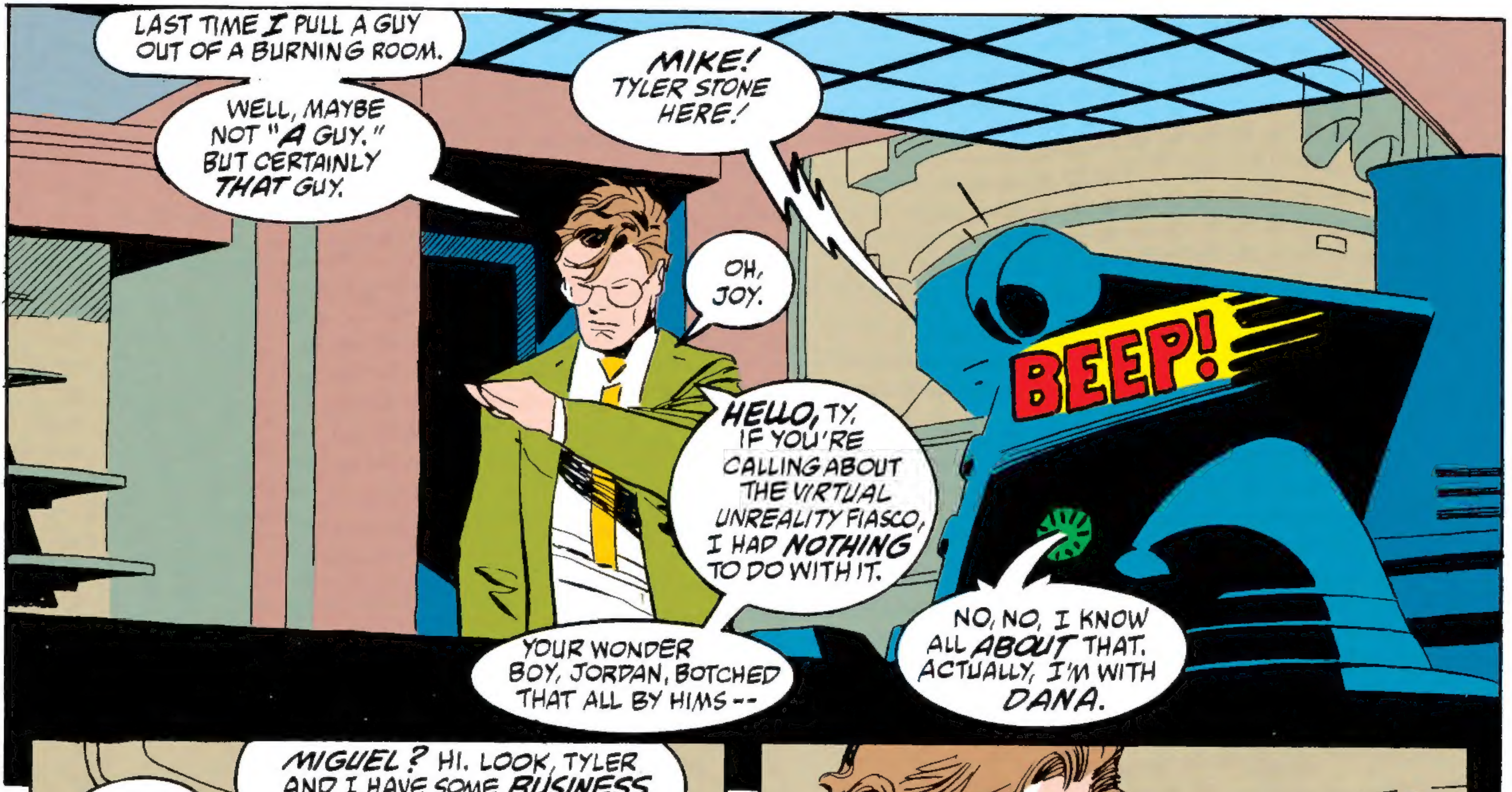




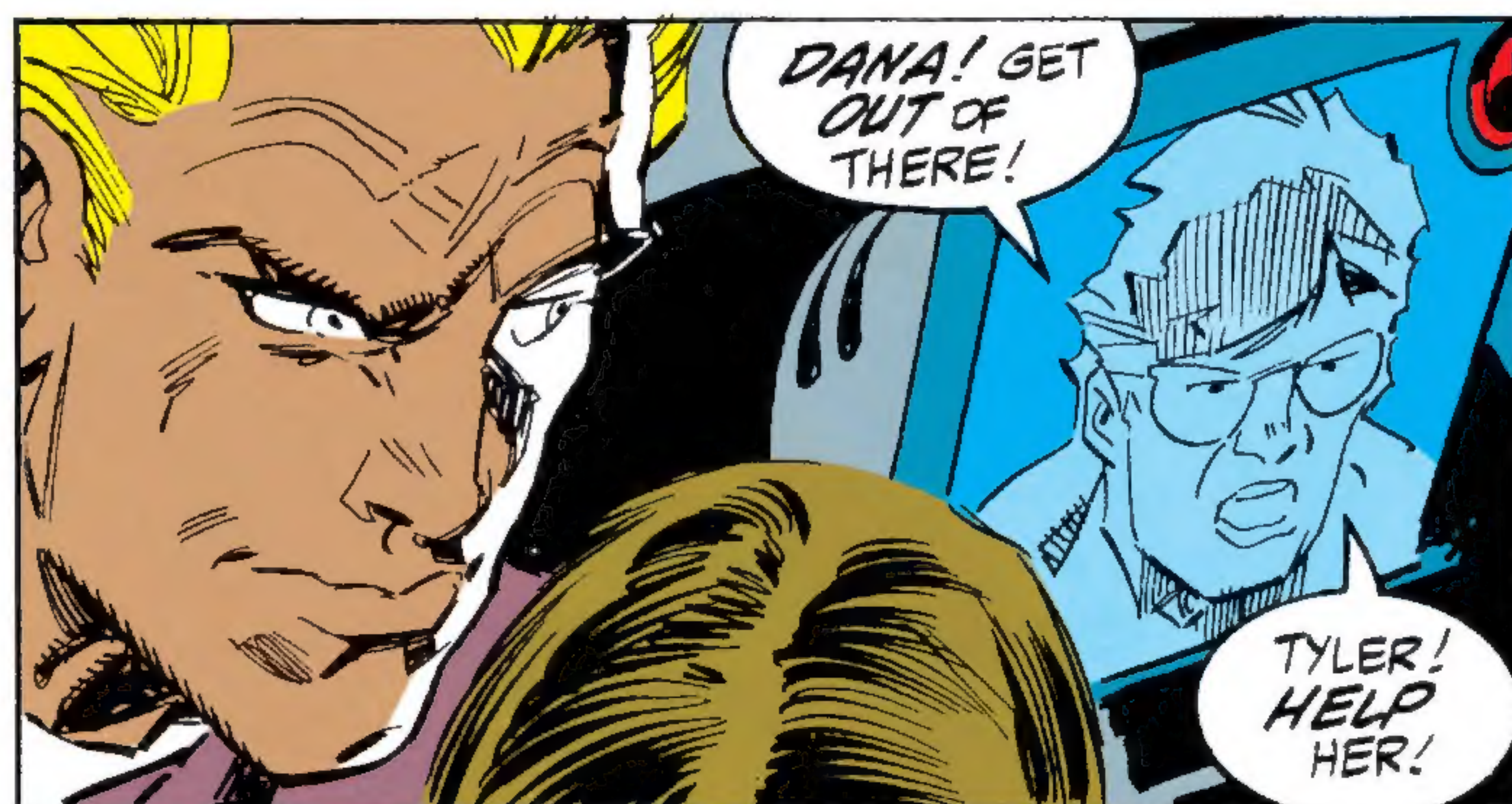




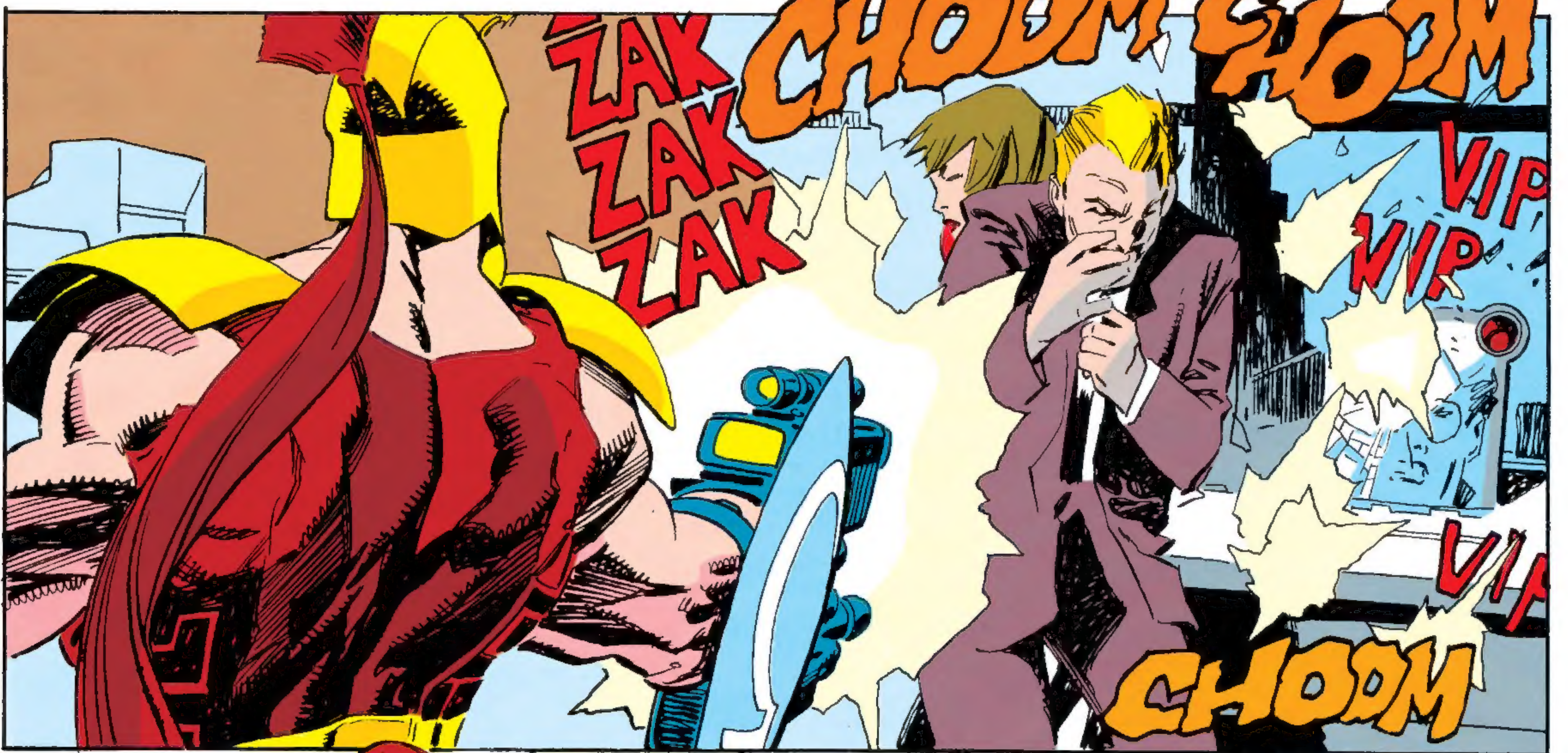
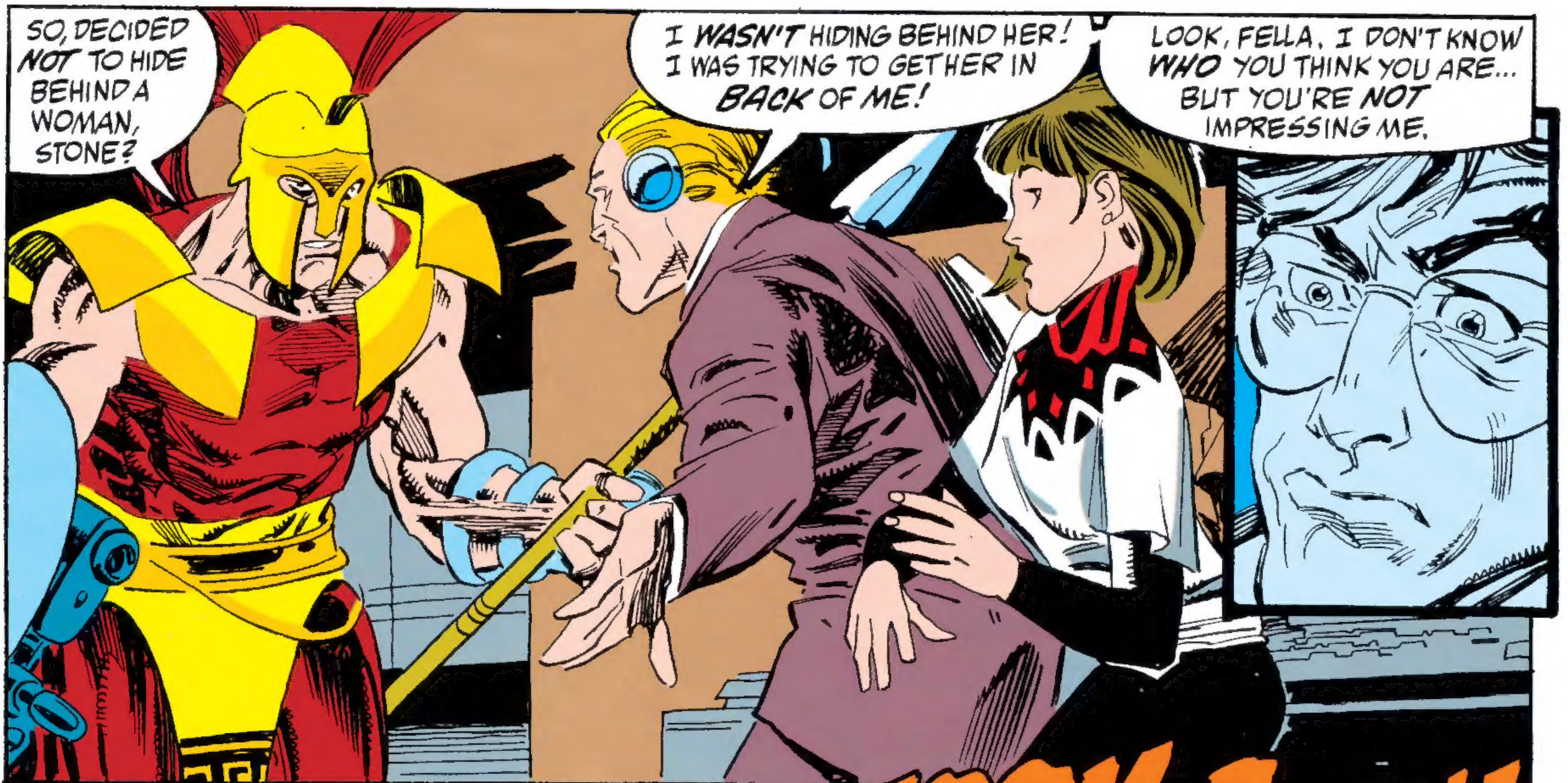




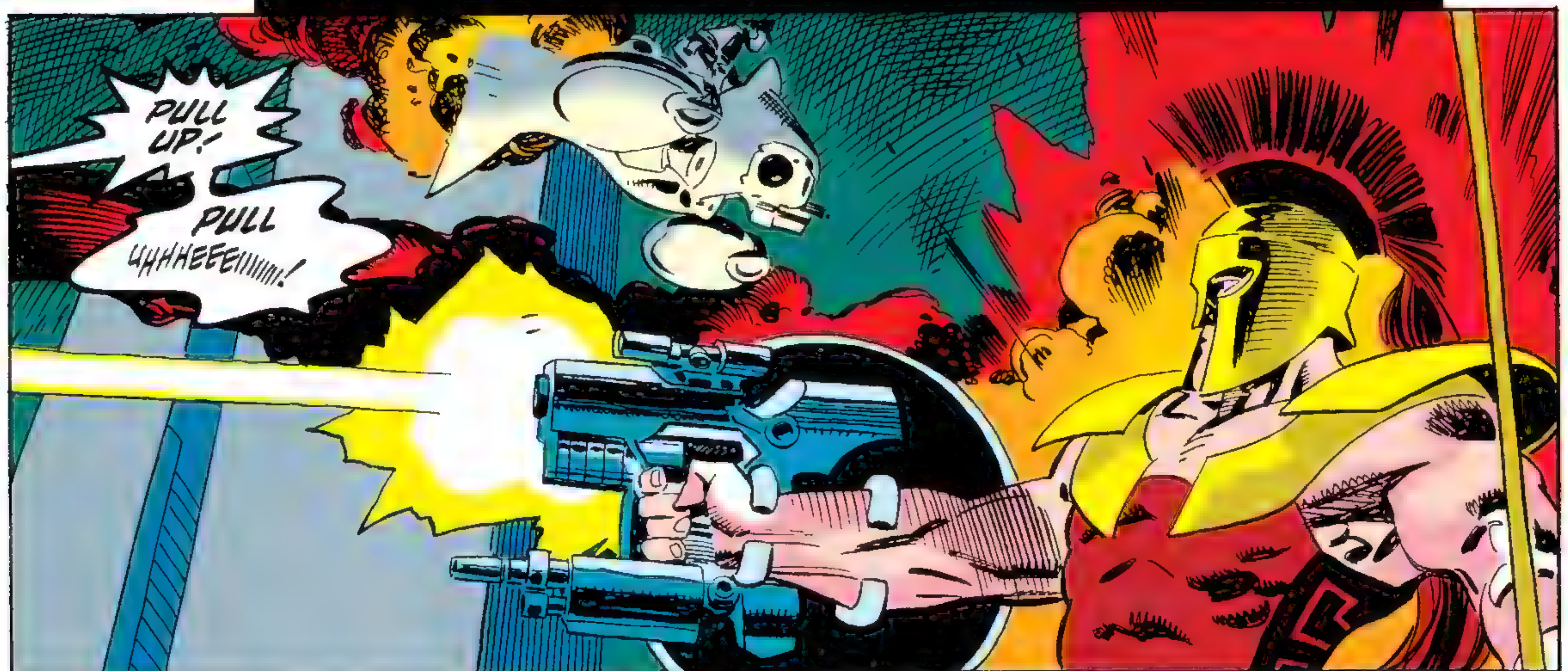
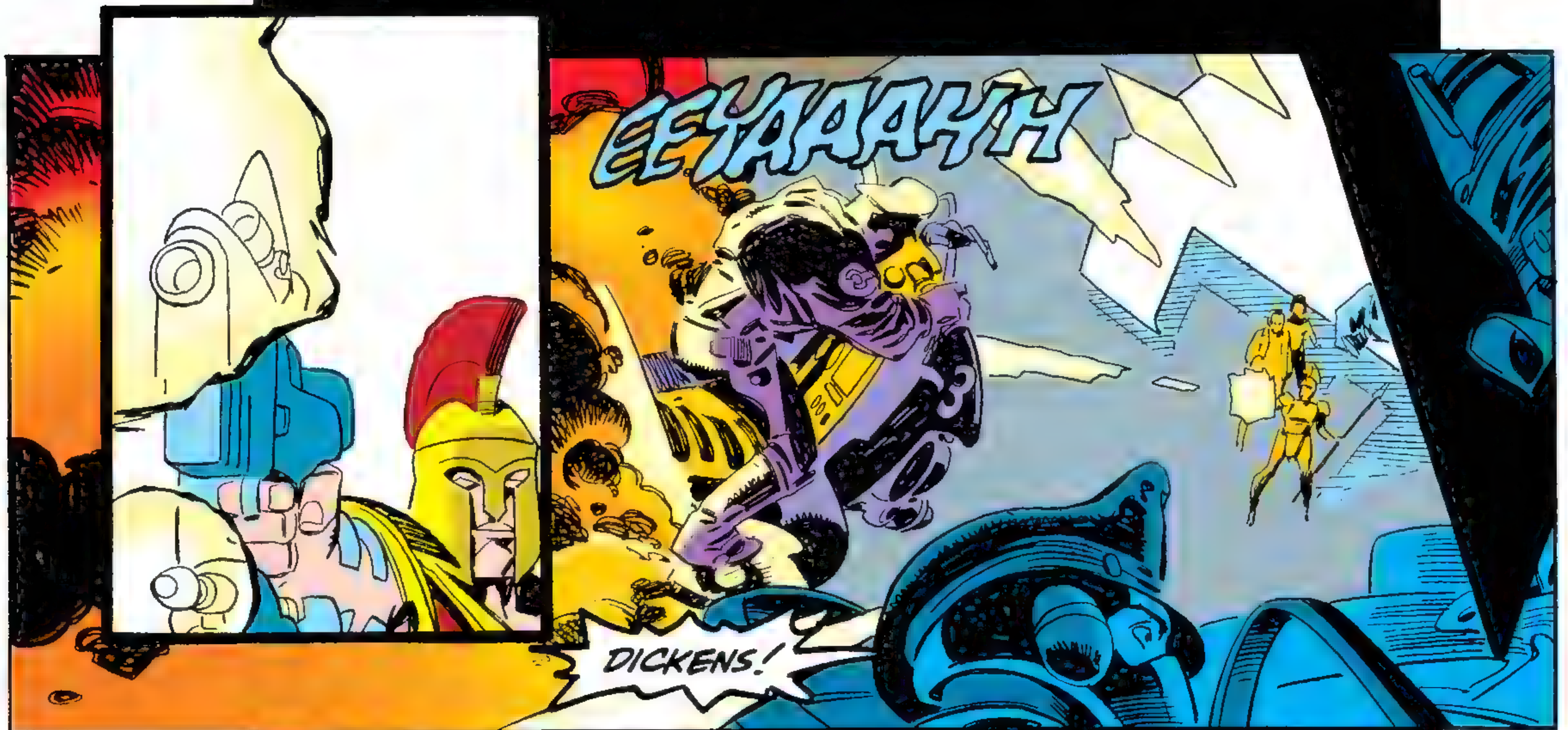
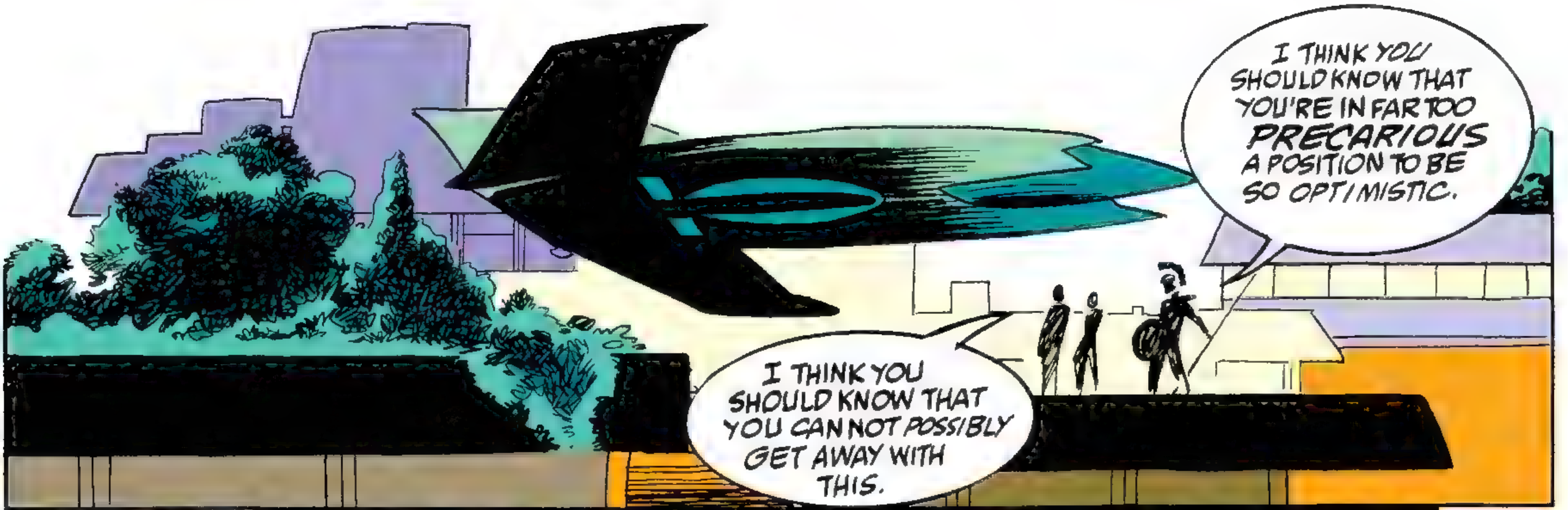








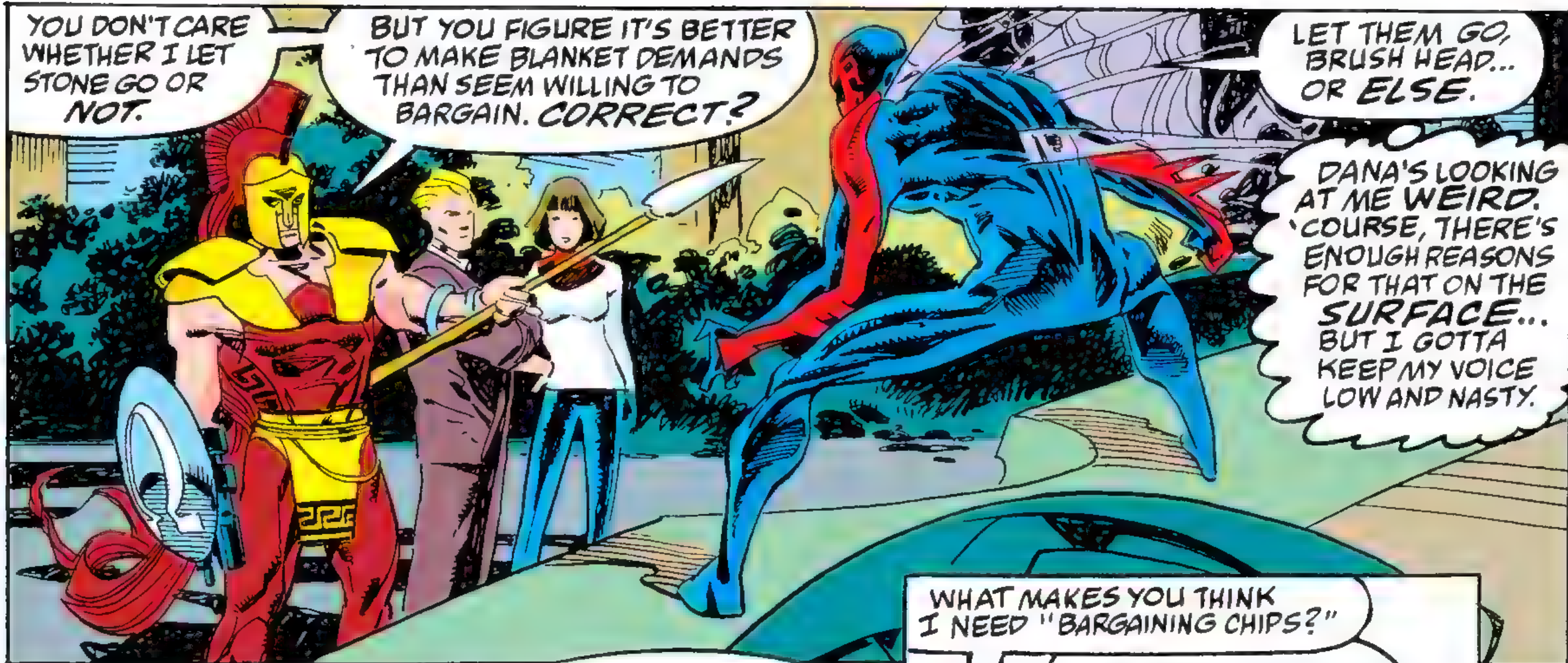










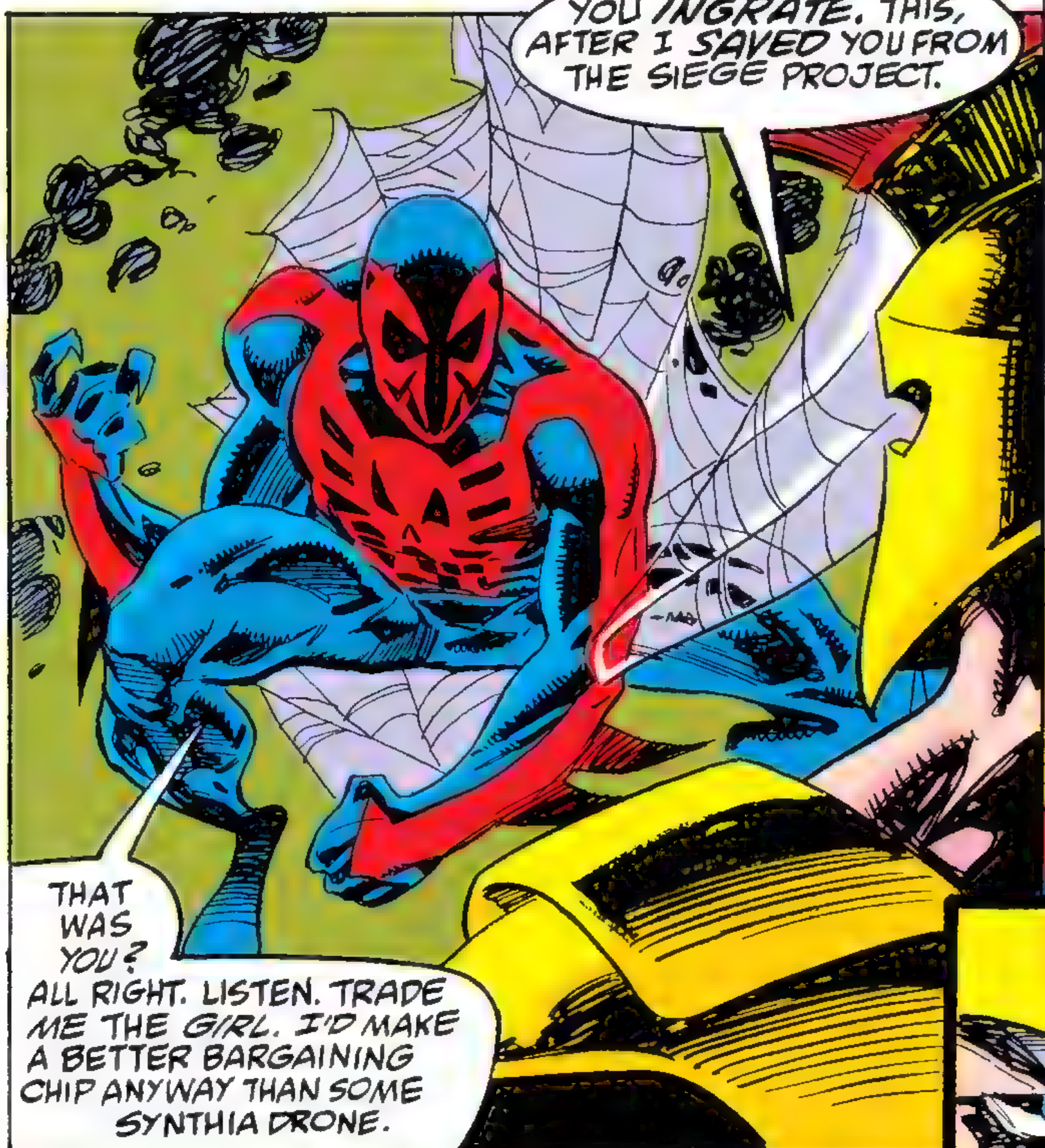


YOU DON'T CARE  
WHETHER I LET  
STONE GO OR  
NOT.

BUT YOU FIGURE IT'S BETTER  
TO MAKE BLANKET DEMANDS  
THAN SEEM WILLING TO  
BARGAIN. CORRECT?

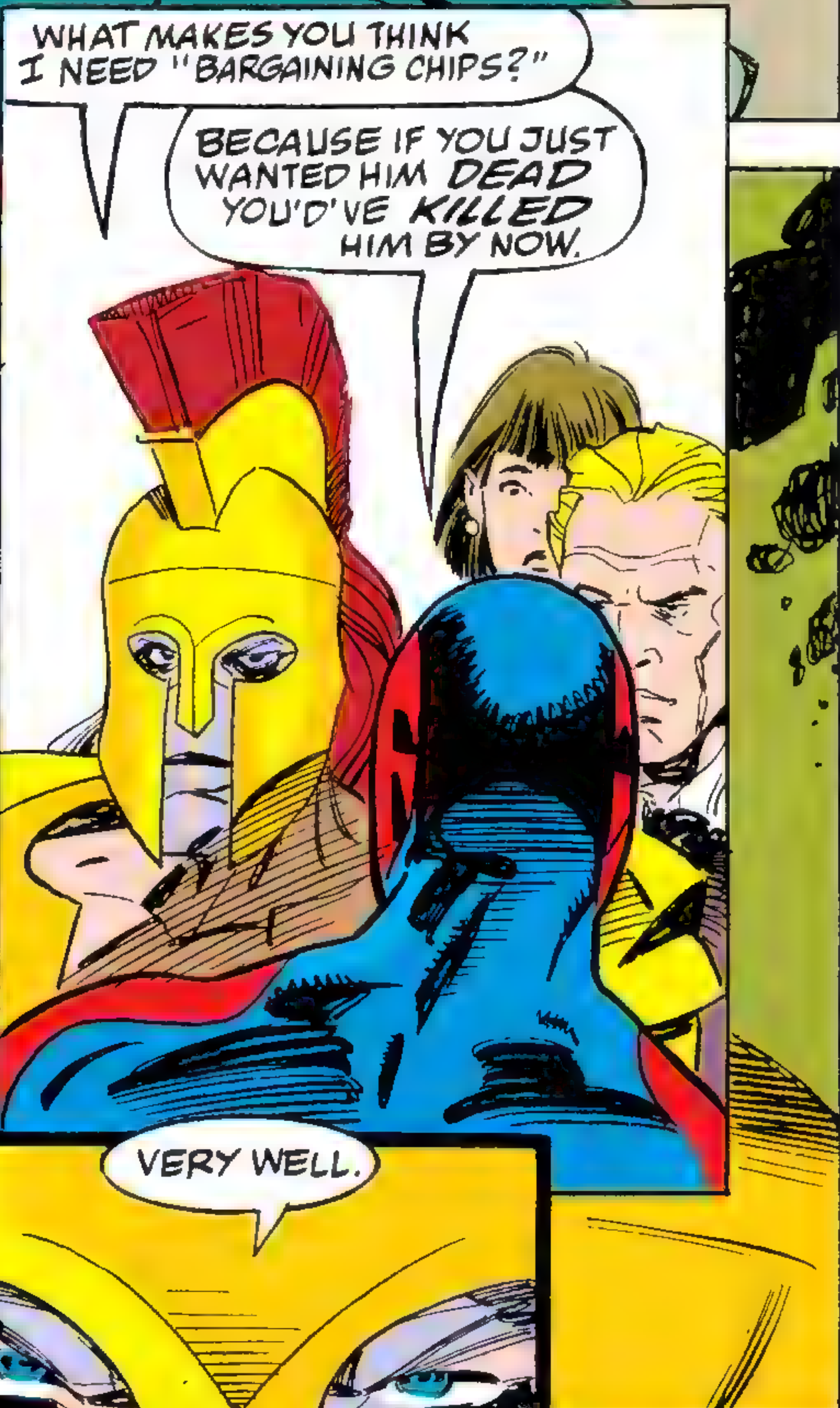
LET THEM GO,  
BRUSH HEAD...  
OR ELSE.

DANA'S LOOKING  
AT ME WEIRD.  
'COOURSE, THERE'S  
ENOUGH REASONS  
FOR THAT ON THE  
SURFACE...  
BUT I GOTTA  
KEEP MY VOICE  
LOW AND NASTY.



YOU INGRATE. THIS,  
AFTER I SAVED YOU FROM  
THE SIEGE PROJECT.

THAT  
WAS  
YOU?  
ALL RIGHT. LISTEN. TRADE  
ME THE GIRL. I'D MAKE  
A BETTER BARGAINING  
CHIP ANYWAY THAN SOME  
SYNTHIA DRONE.



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK  
I NEED "BARGAINING CHIPS?"

BECAUSE IF YOU JUST  
WANTED HIM DEAD  
YOU'D'VE KILLED  
HIM BY NOW.



VERY WELL.



MIGUEL...

MIGUEL...

I'VE...  
I...



"I'VE GOT TO CALL MIGUEL..."

DAILY BROAD BASE  
INFORMATION ACCESS... WORLD  
WIDE... UNEXPURGATED EDITION...  
ASSIMILATING...

AND  
WAS DECLARED  
DURING A BITTER

PRELIMINARY  
TESTS ON THE  
FLOATING CITY  
WERE SUCCESS

TWO  
UNIDENTIFIED  
CHILDREN'S  
BODIES

INTERNECINE  
SQUABBLING BETWEEN  
THORITE CULTS RESULTED  
IN SEVERAL DEATHS  
WHEN

A MUTROID RAID  
RESULTED IN THREE  
DEATHS WHEN

UNCONTROLLED  
EARTHQUAKE, SEVERAL  
HUNDRED DEAD,  
THOUSANDS  
INJURED

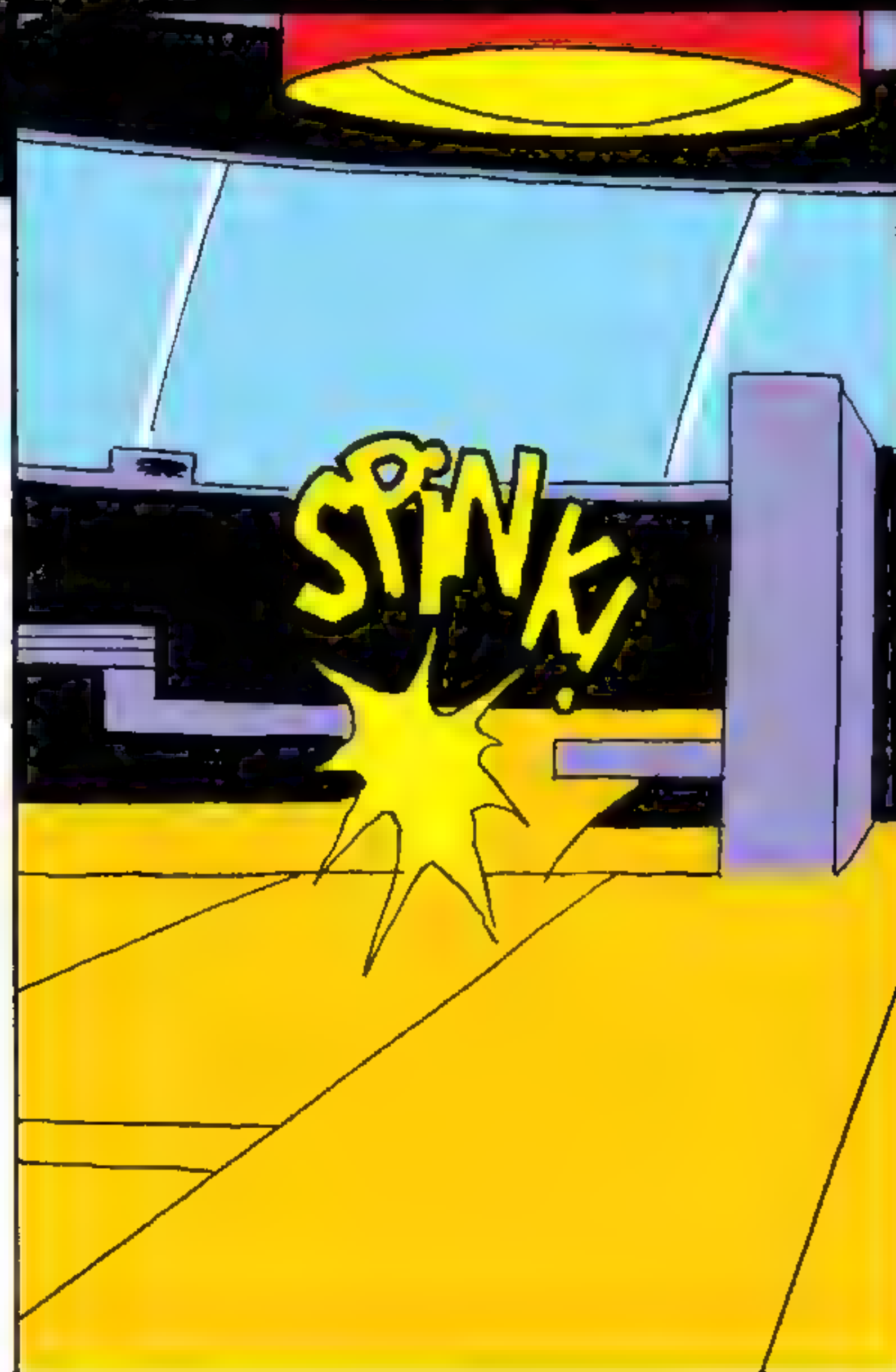
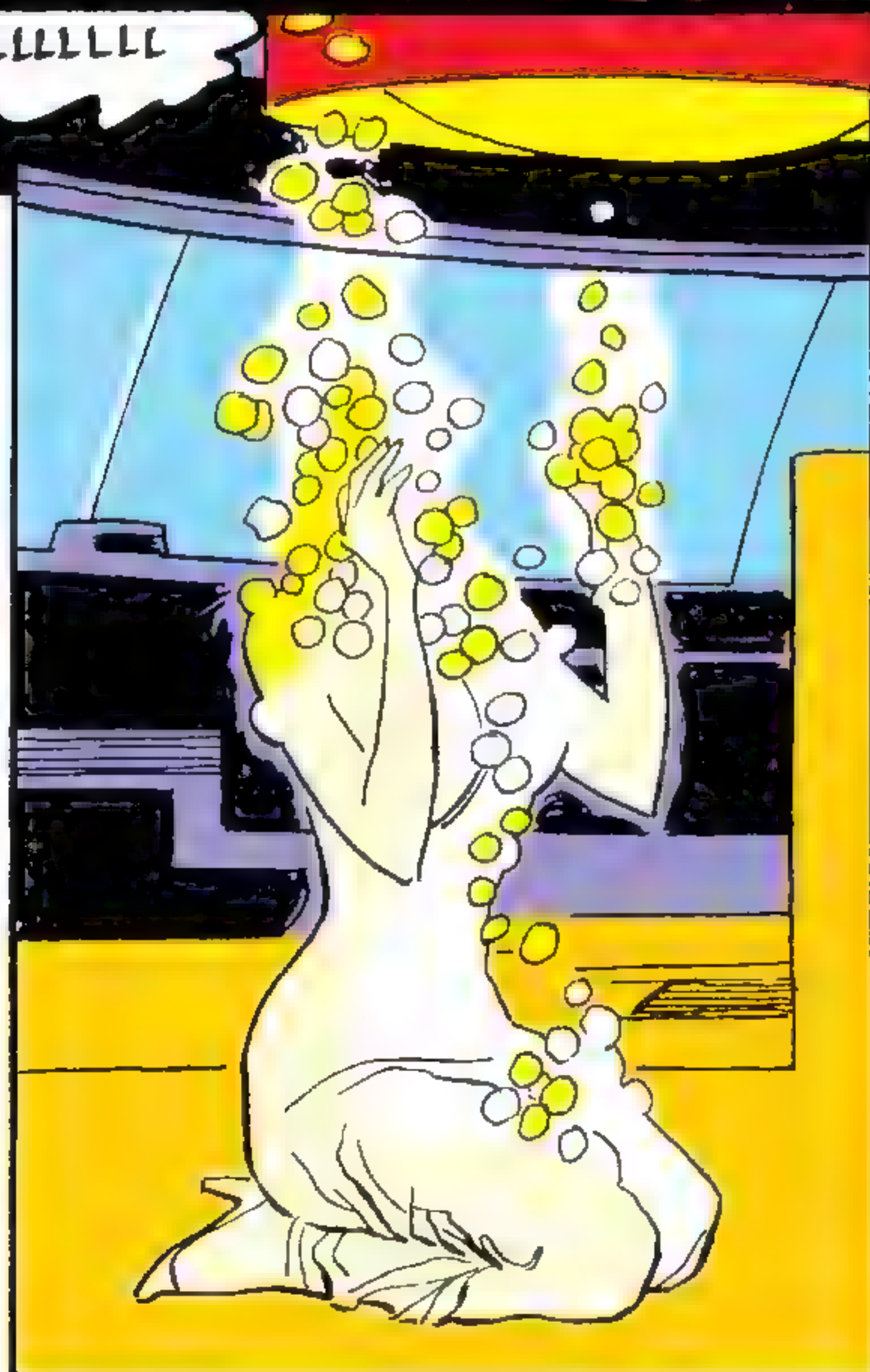
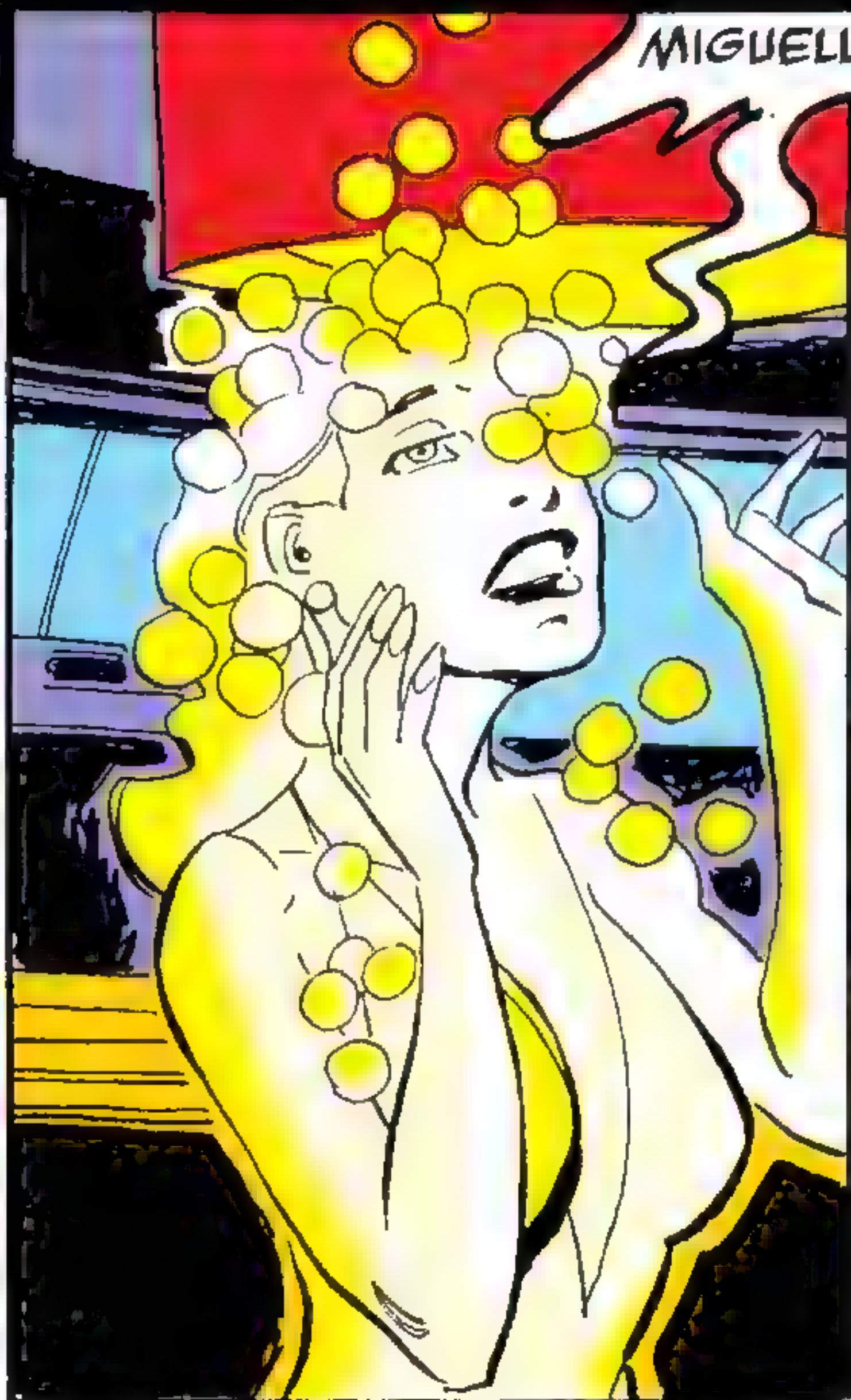
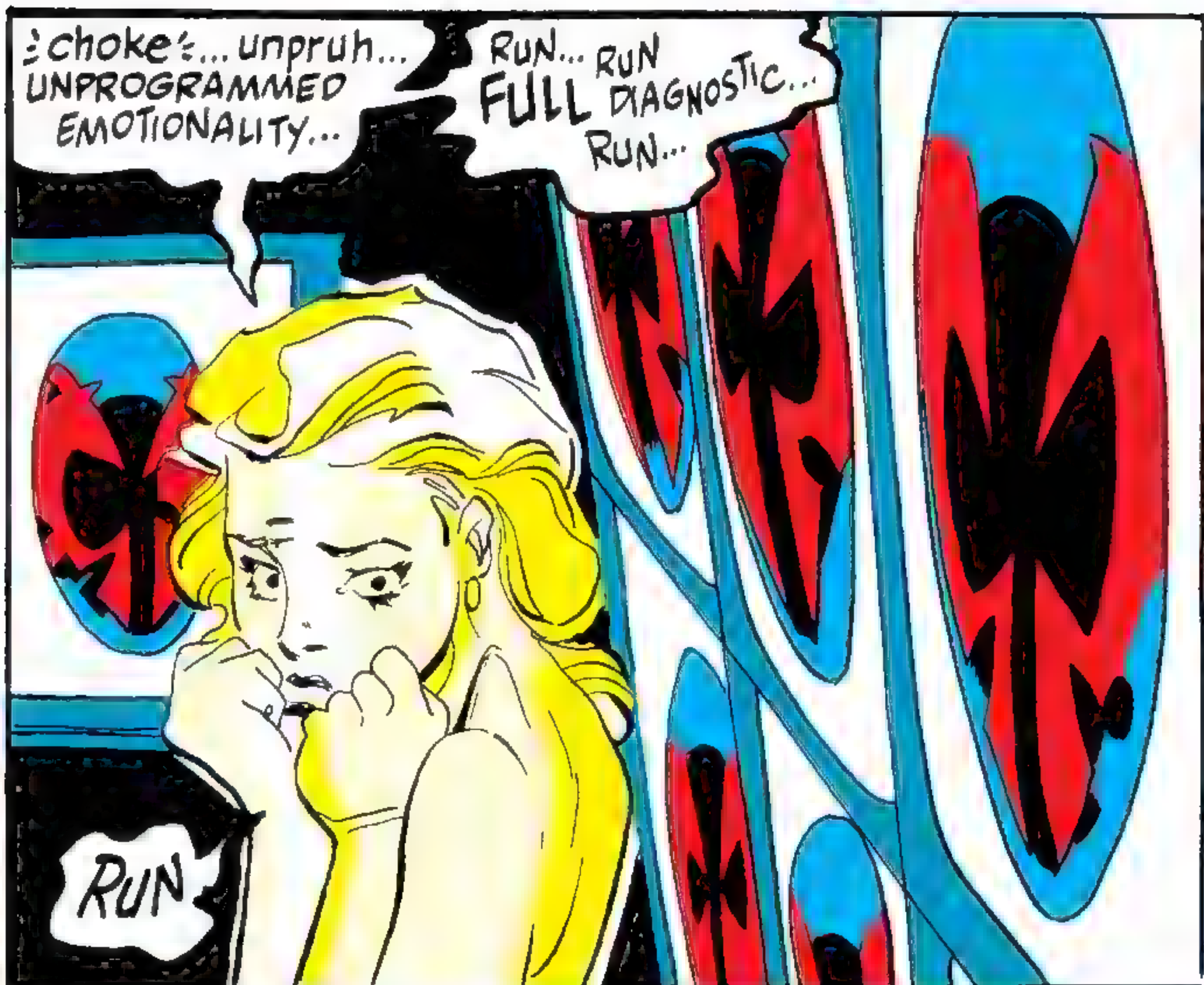
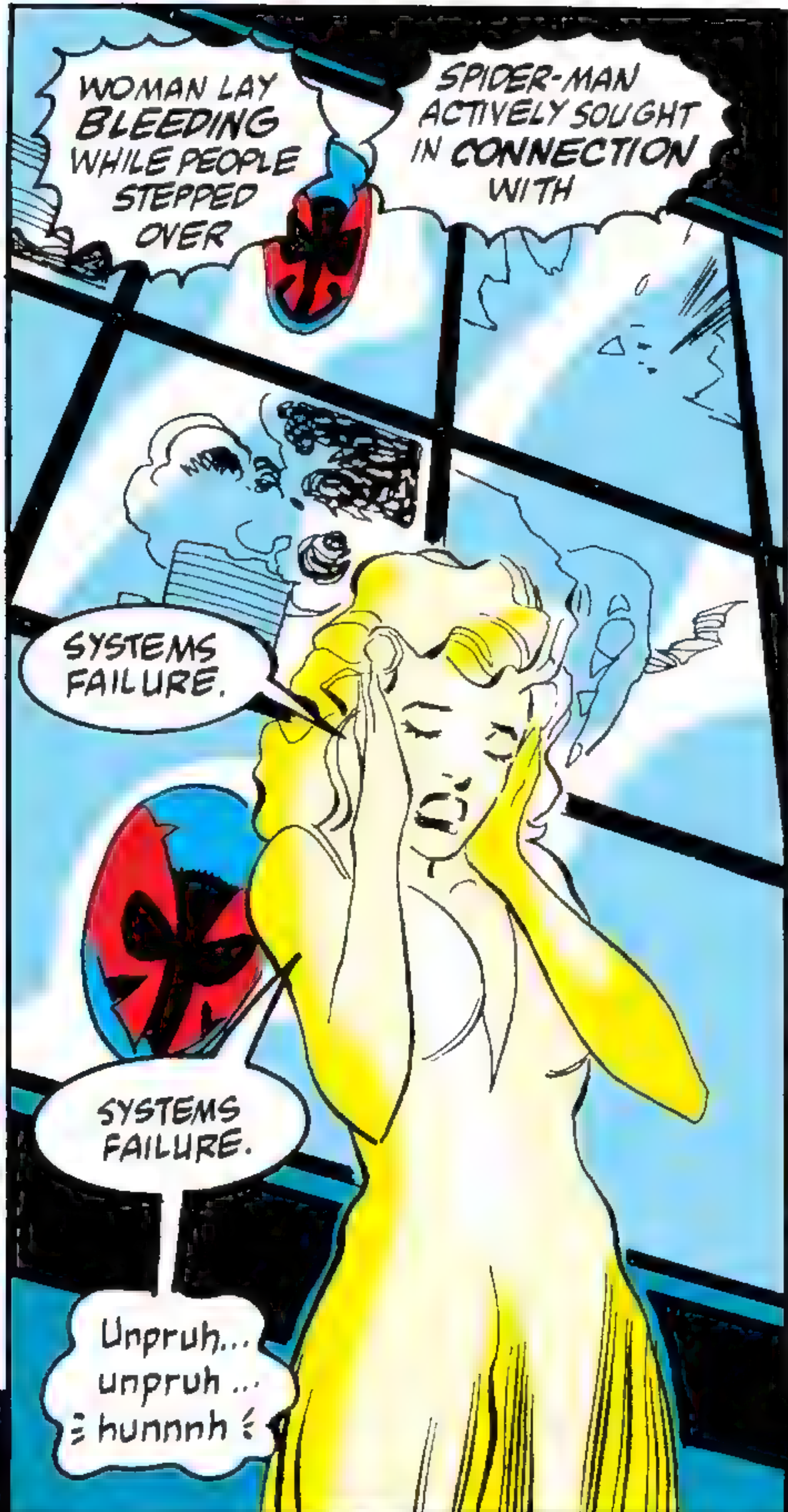
HUNDREDS  
HOMELESS

BODIES  
CRUSHED

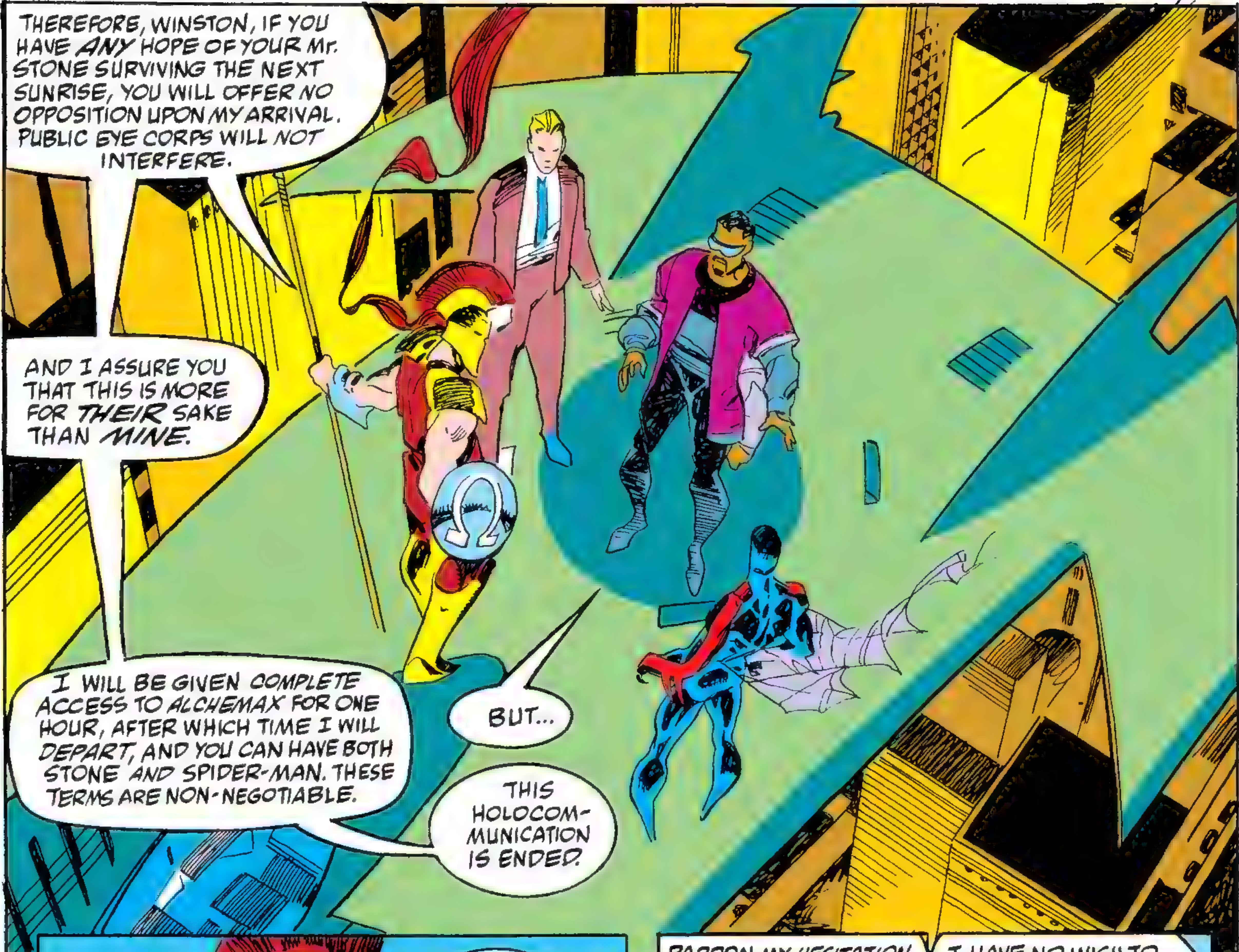
EUROMAX  
DECLARED  
EMERGENCY

DYING  
INJURED  
AND  
SUFFERING









THEREFORE, WINSTON, IF YOU HAVE *ANY* HOPE OF YOUR MR. STONE SURVIVING THE NEXT SUNRISE, YOU WILL OFFER NO OPPOSITION UPON MY ARRIVAL. PUBLIC EYE CORPS WILL NOT INTERFERE.

AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS MORE FOR *THEIR* SAKE THAN *MINE*.

I WILL BE GIVEN COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALCHEMAX FOR ONE HOUR, AFTER WHICH TIME I WILL DEPART, AND YOU CAN HAVE BOTH STONE AND SPIDER-MAN. THESE TERMS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.

BUT...

THIS HOLOCOM-MUNICATION IS ENDED.

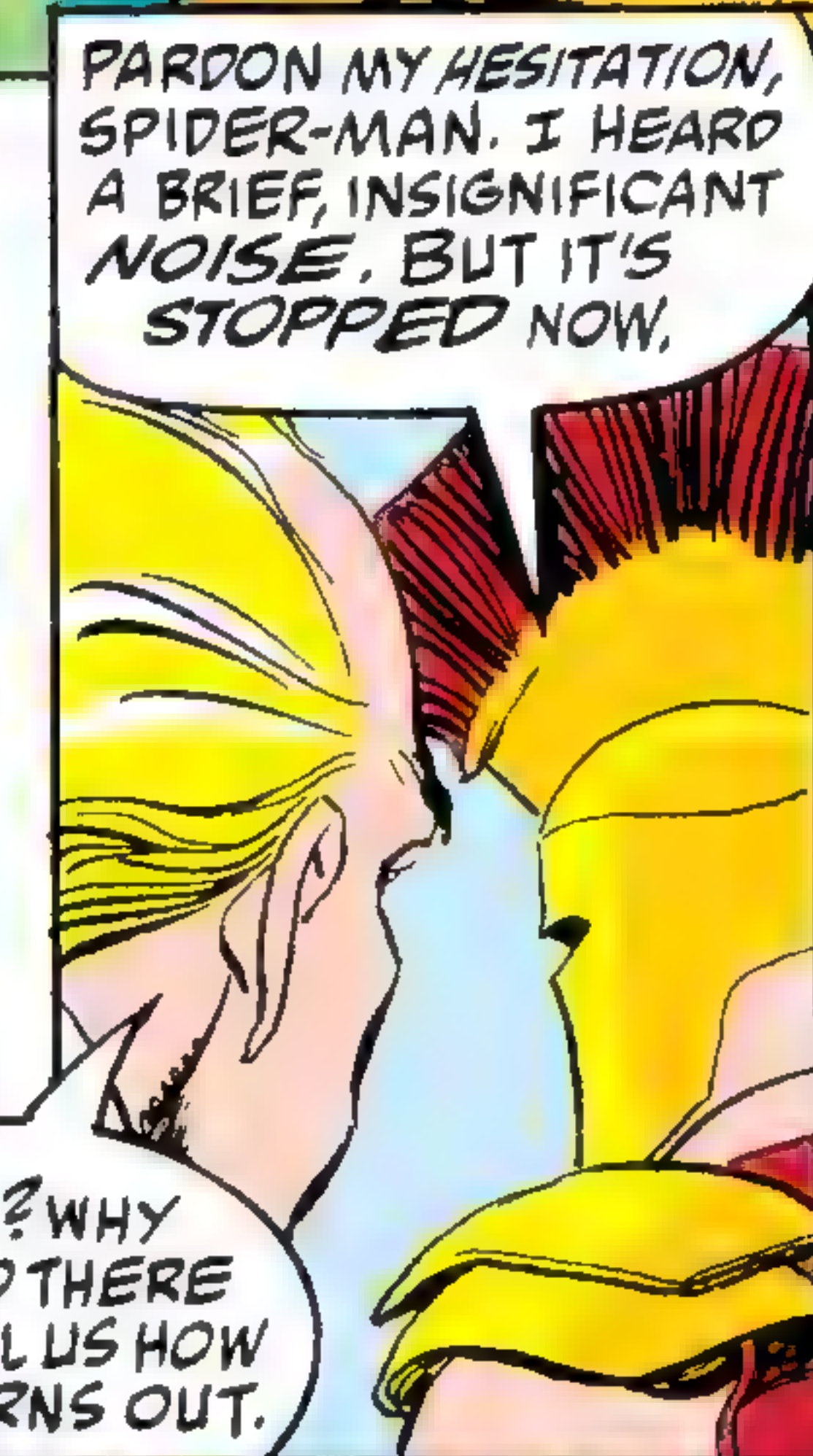


SPIN!

ARE YOU SAYING YOU COULDN'T **FORCE** YOUR WAY IN?

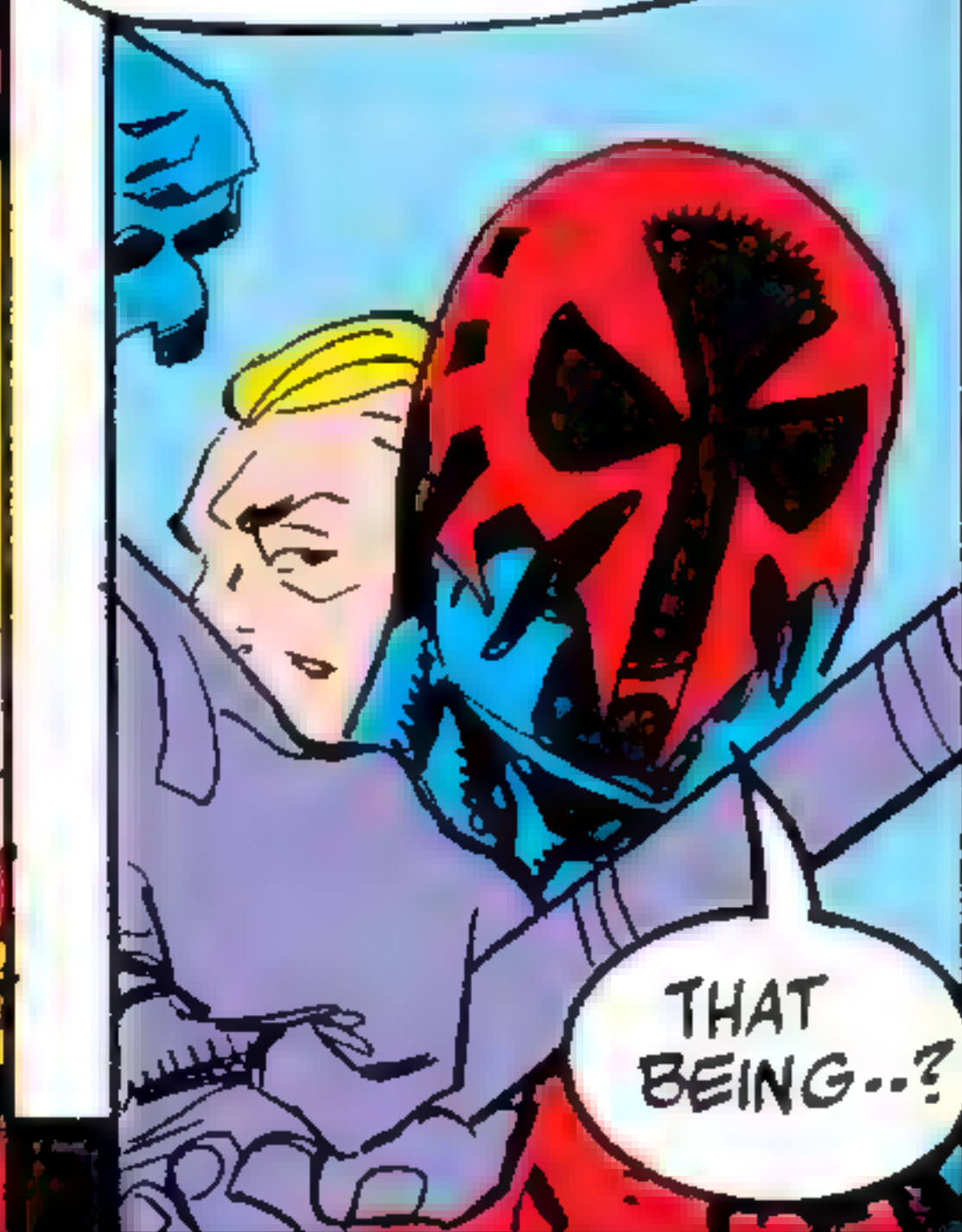
I AM **THANATOS**. I COULD STORM THE GATES OF HELL IF I WISHED.

YEAH? WHY NOT GO THERE AND TELL US HOW IT TURNS OUT.

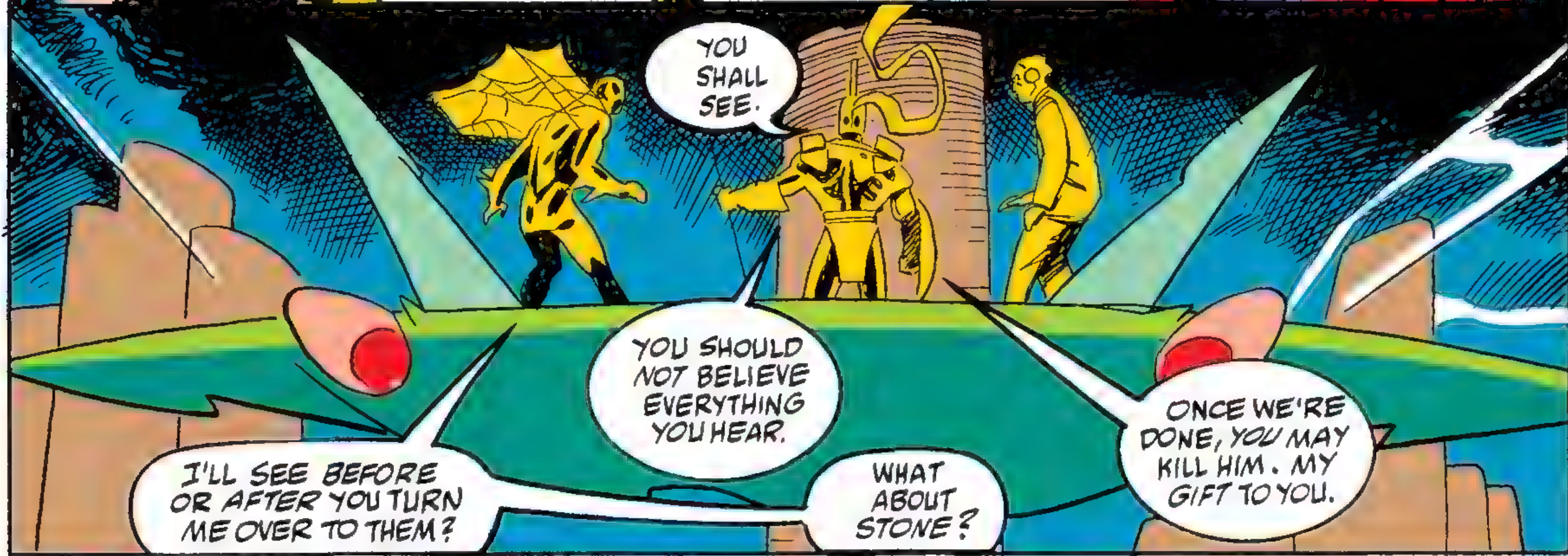


PARDON MY HESITATION, SPIDER-MAN. I HEARD A BRIEF, INSIGNIFICANT **NOISE**. BUT IT'S STOPPED NOW.

I HAVE NO WISH TO ENGAGE IN WASTEFUL DISPLAYS OF FIREPOWER. NOR WOULD I RISK DAMAGING MY GOAL.



THAT BEING...?



YOU SHALL SEE.

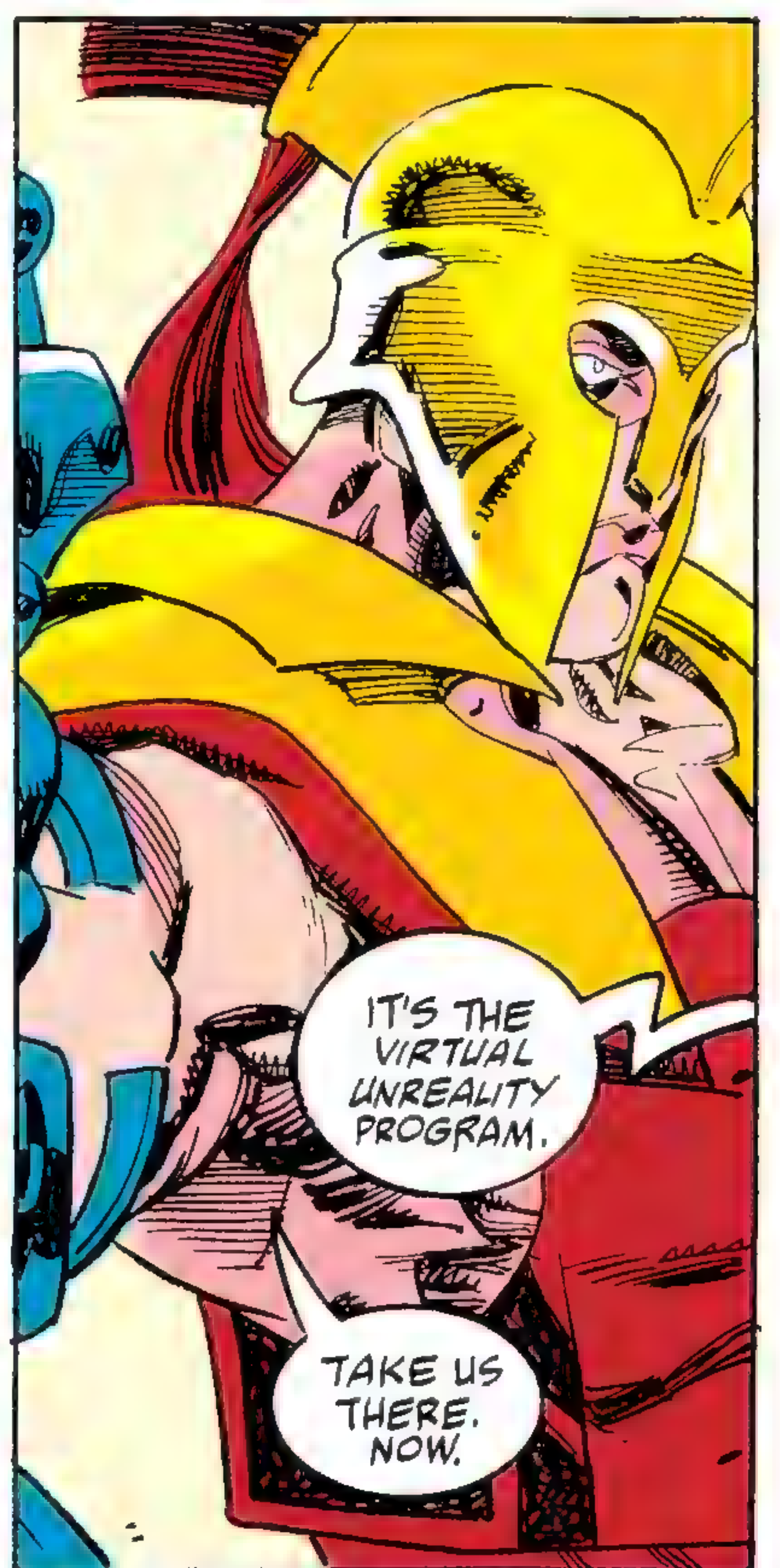
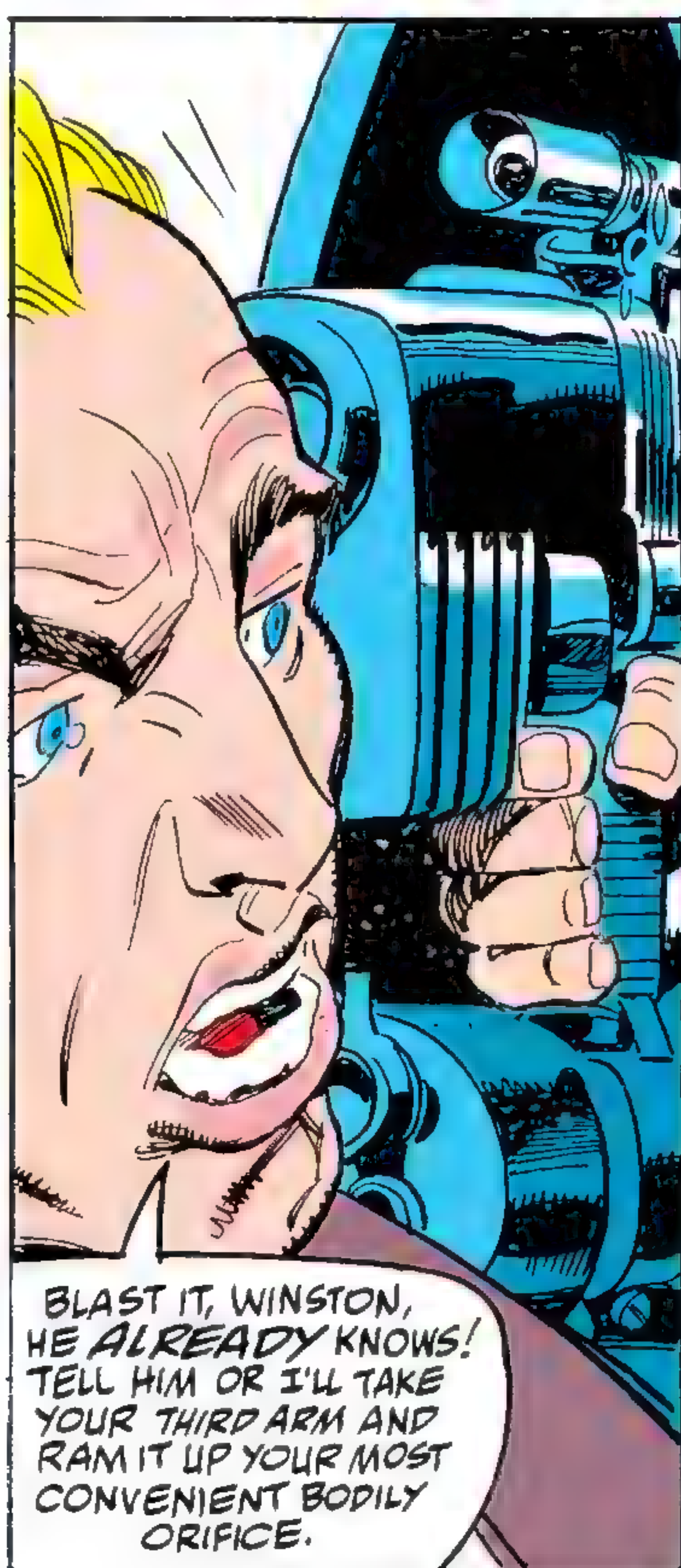
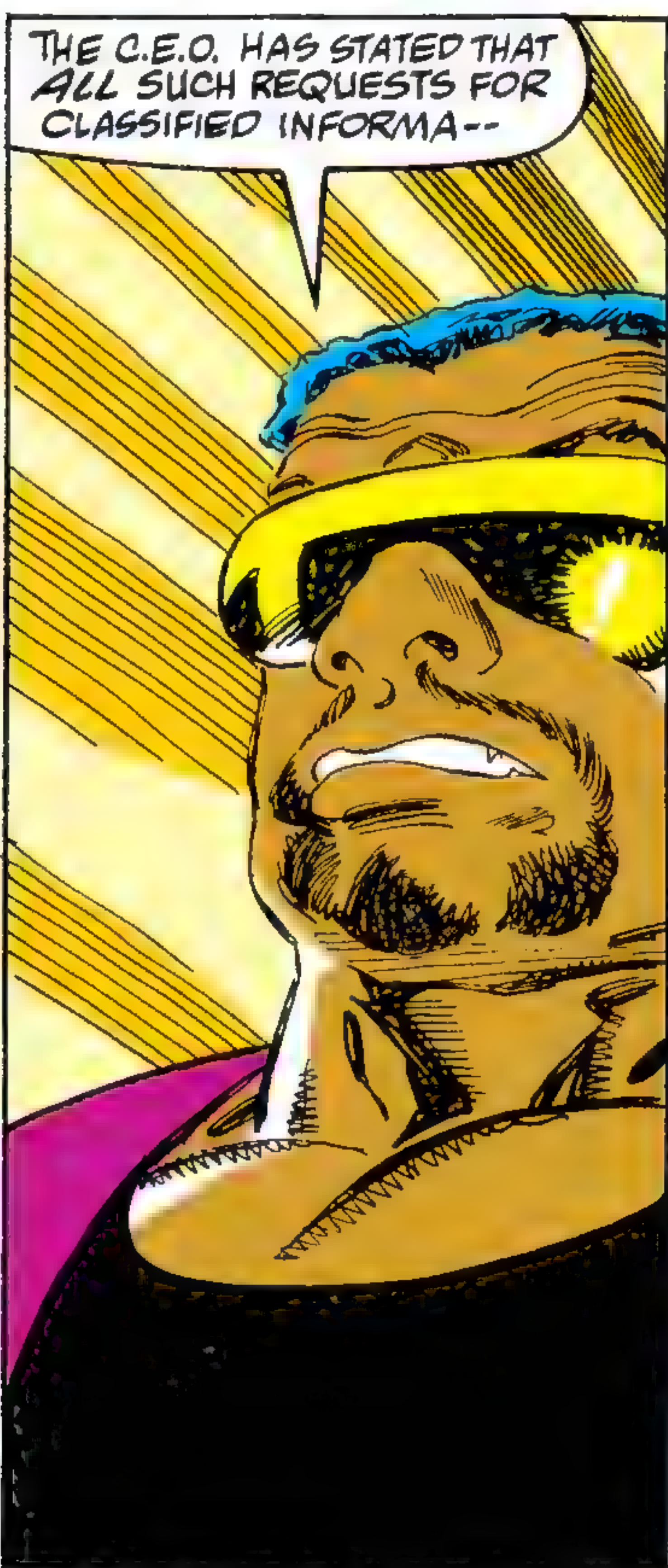
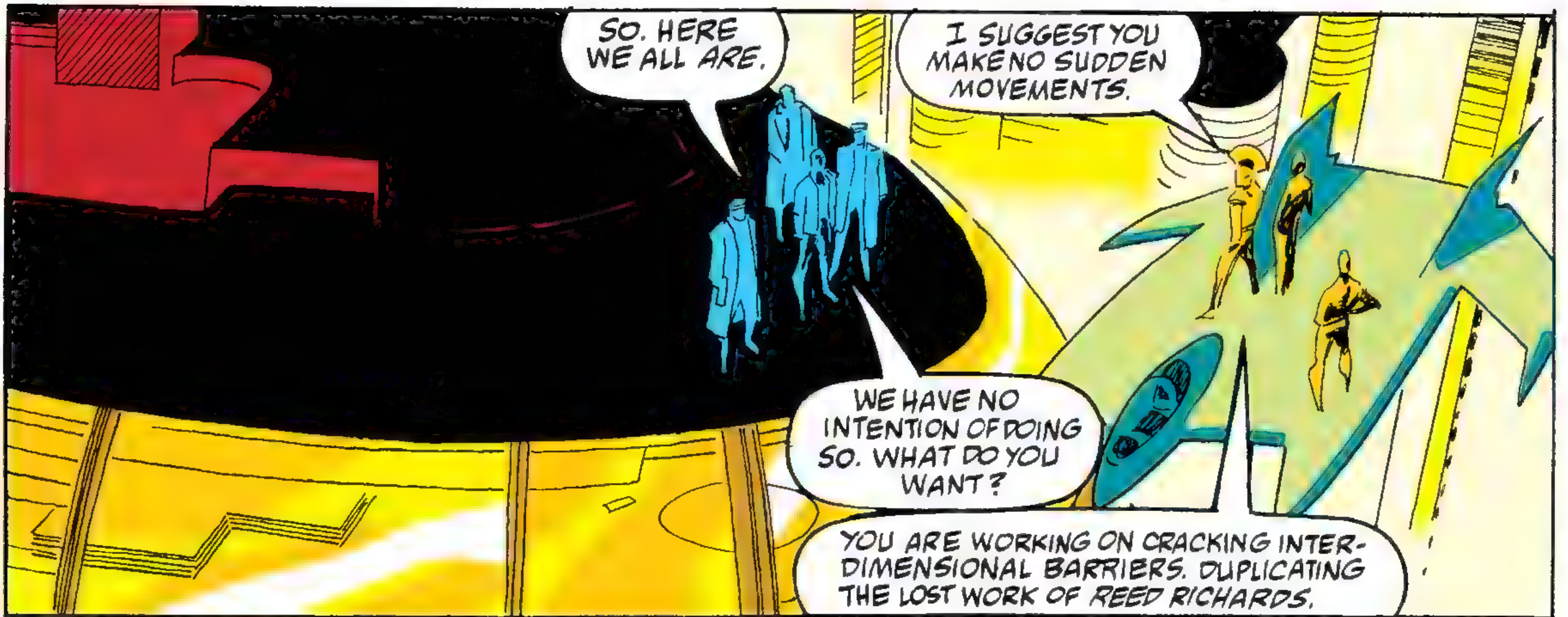
YOU SHOULD NOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR.

WHAT ABOUT STONE?

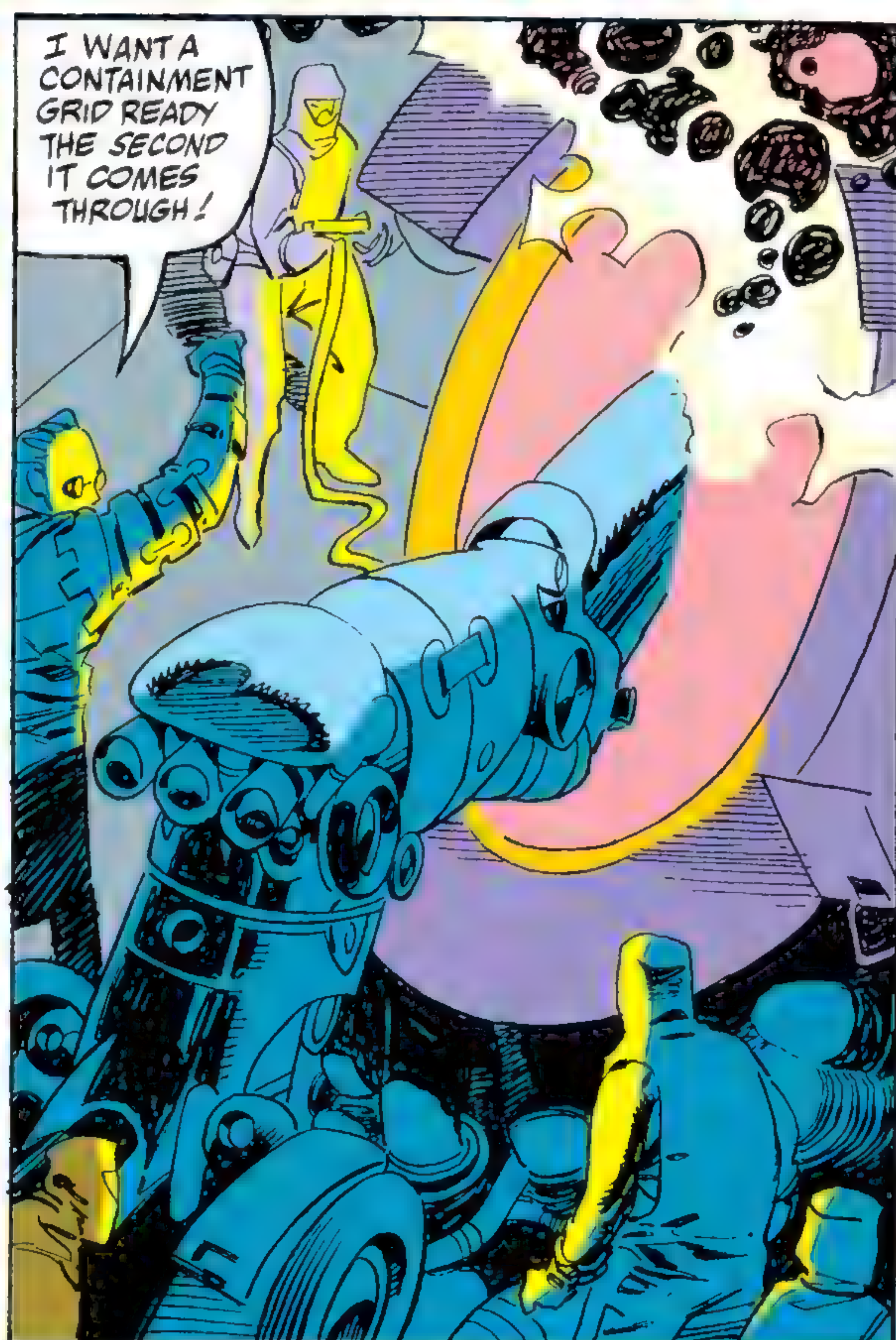
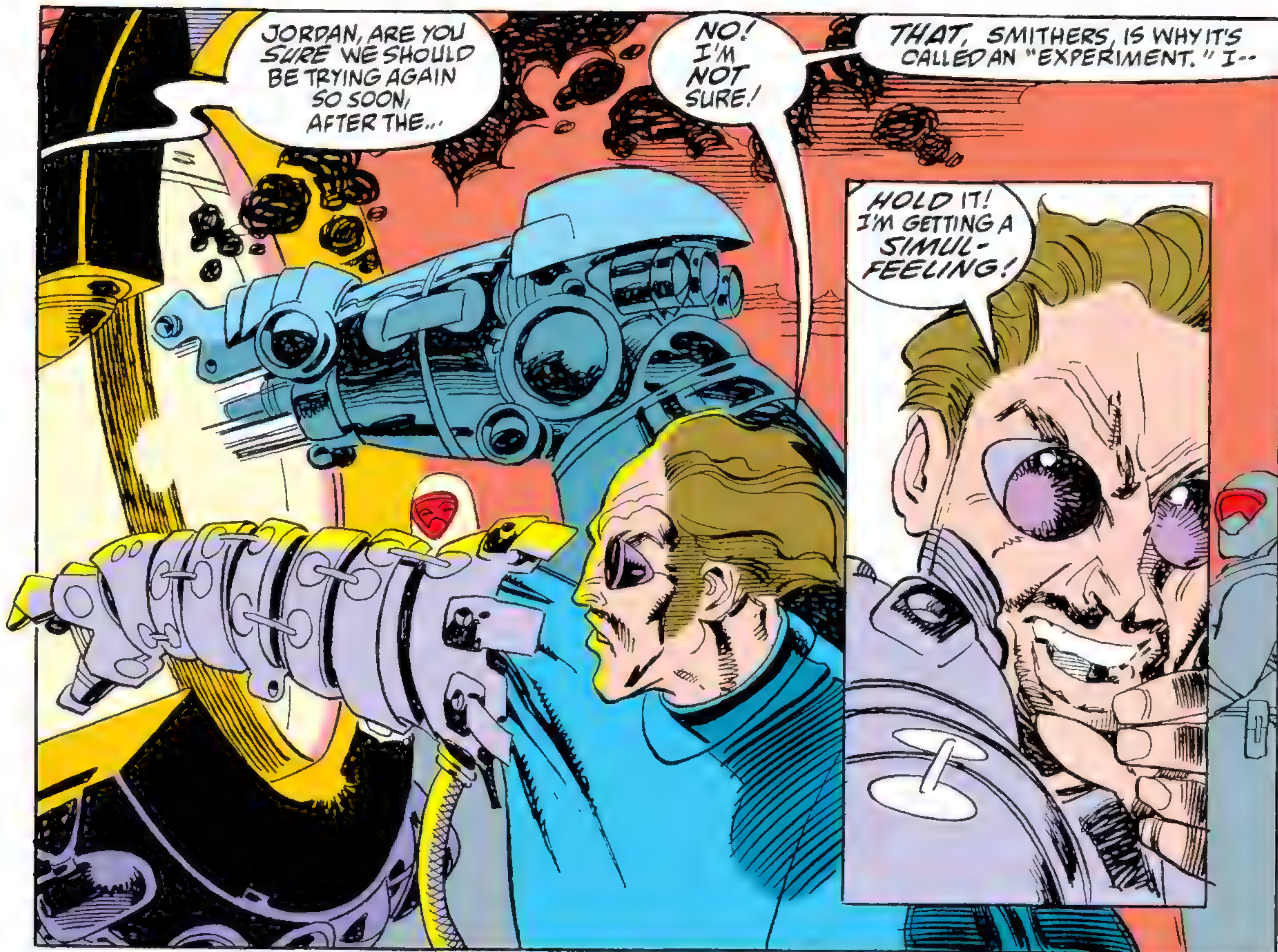
ONCE WE'RE DONE, YOU MAY KILL HIM. MY GIFT TO YOU.

I'LL SEE BEFORE OR AFTER YOU TURN ME OVER TO THEM?

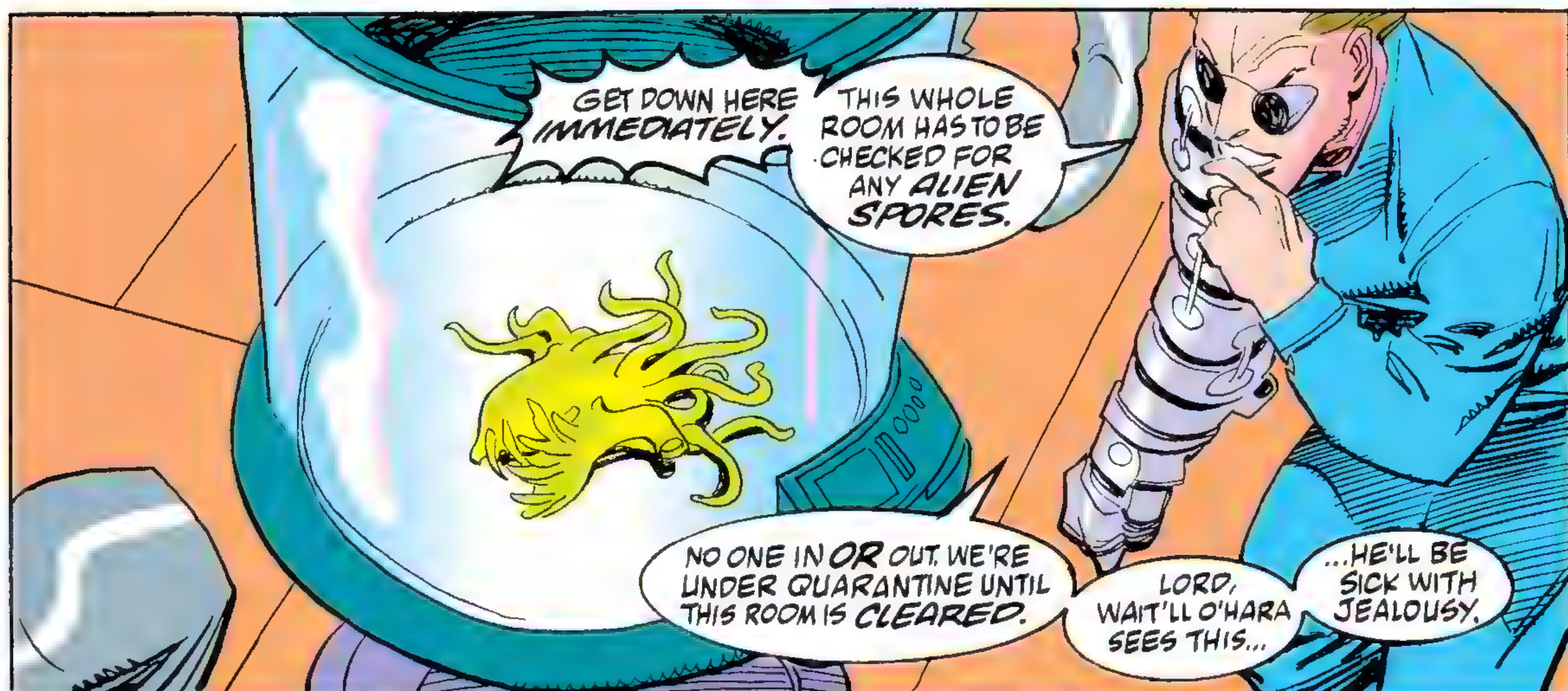
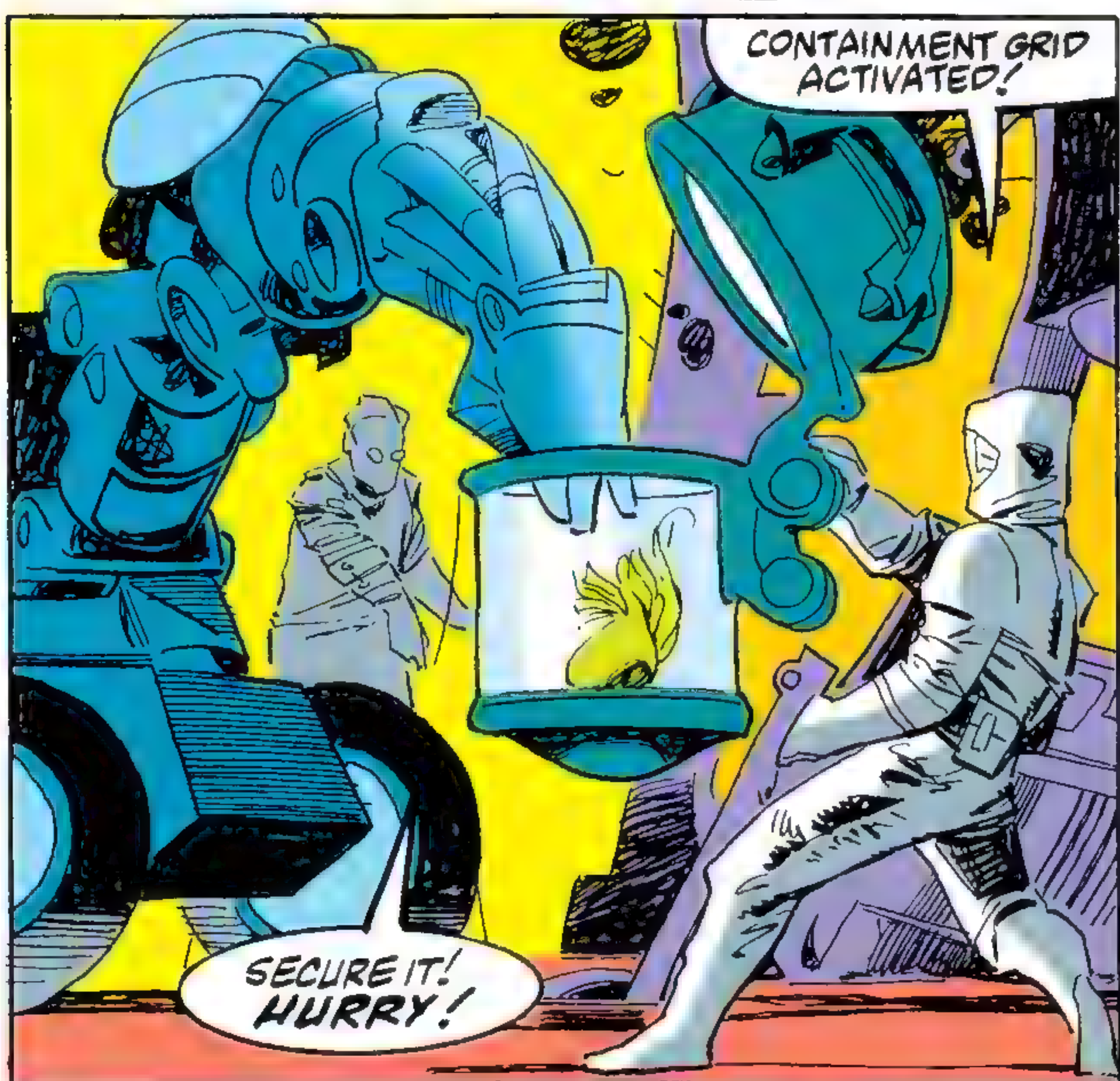
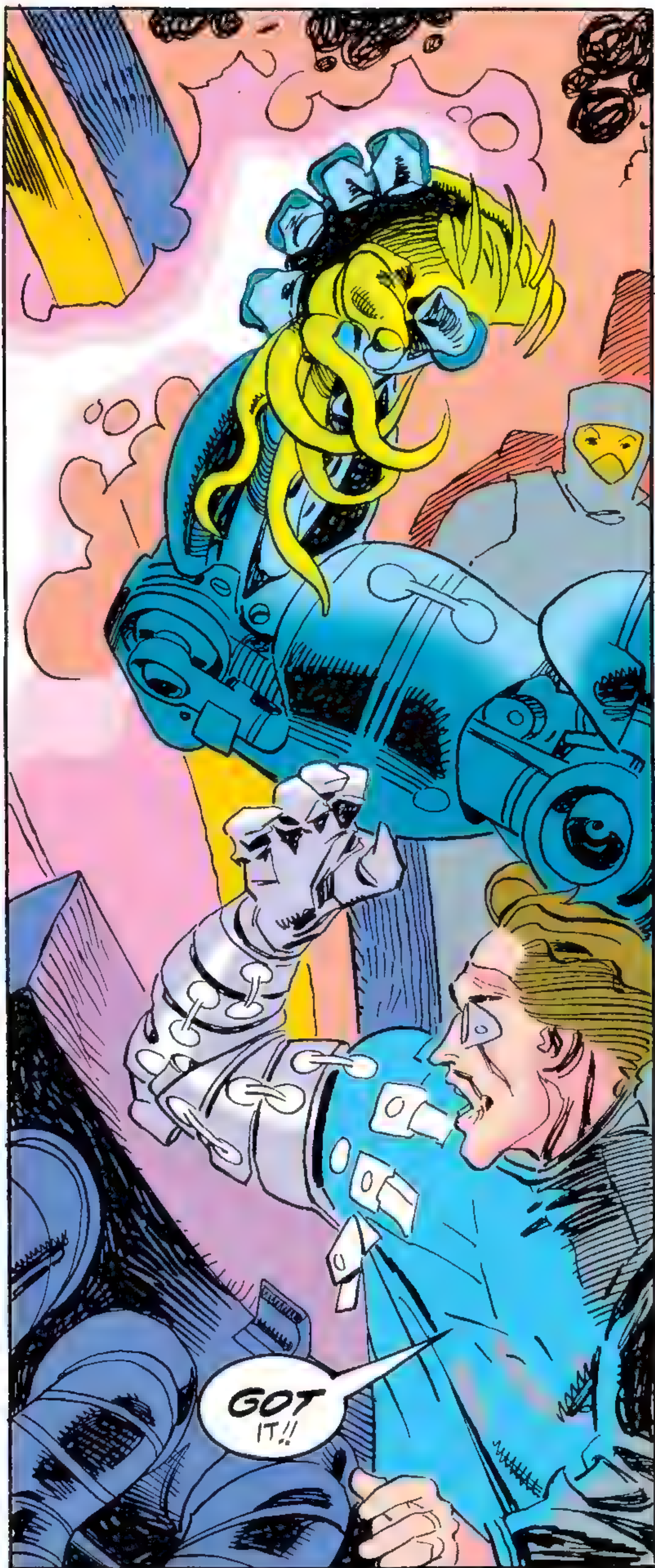




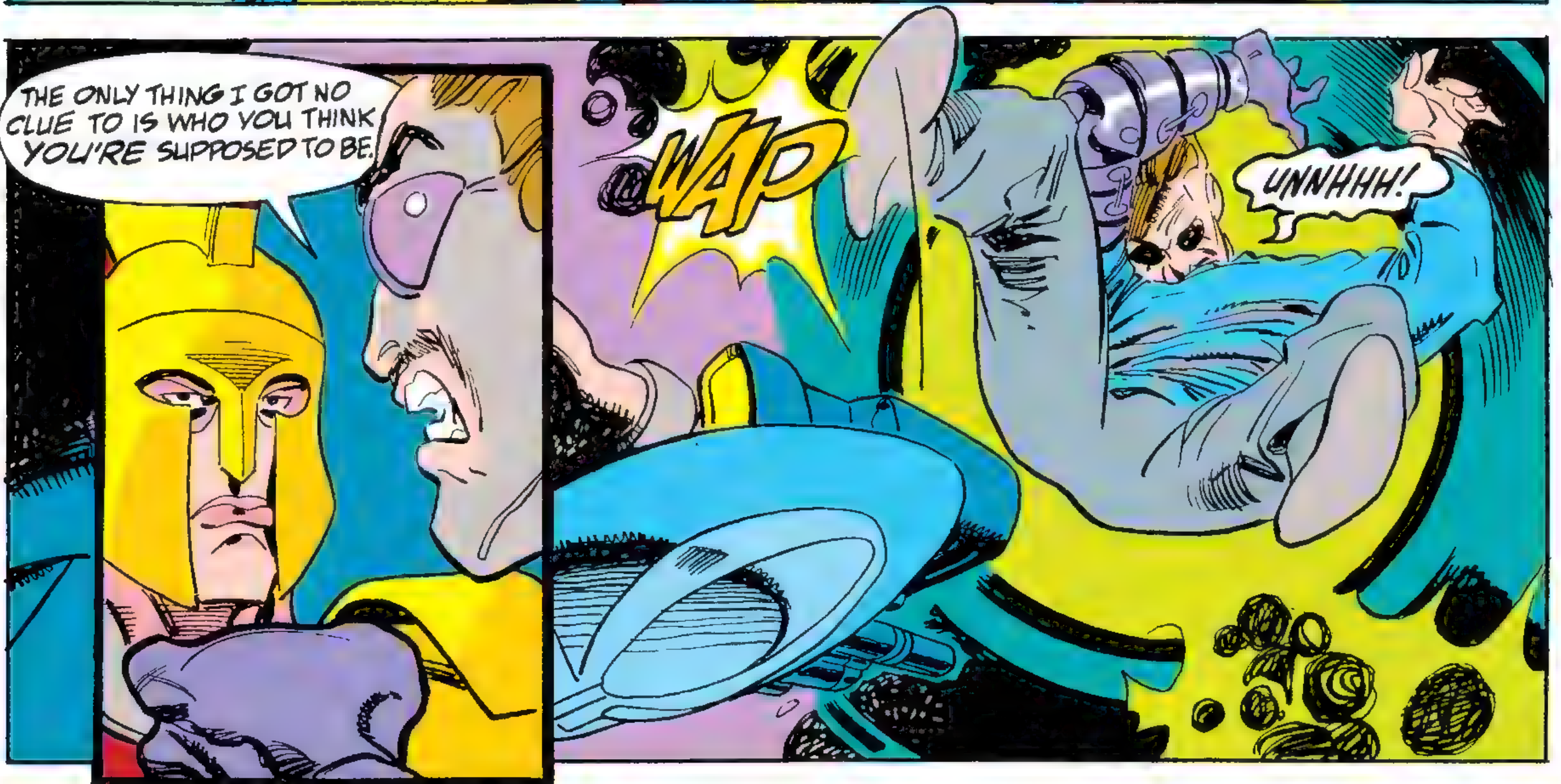
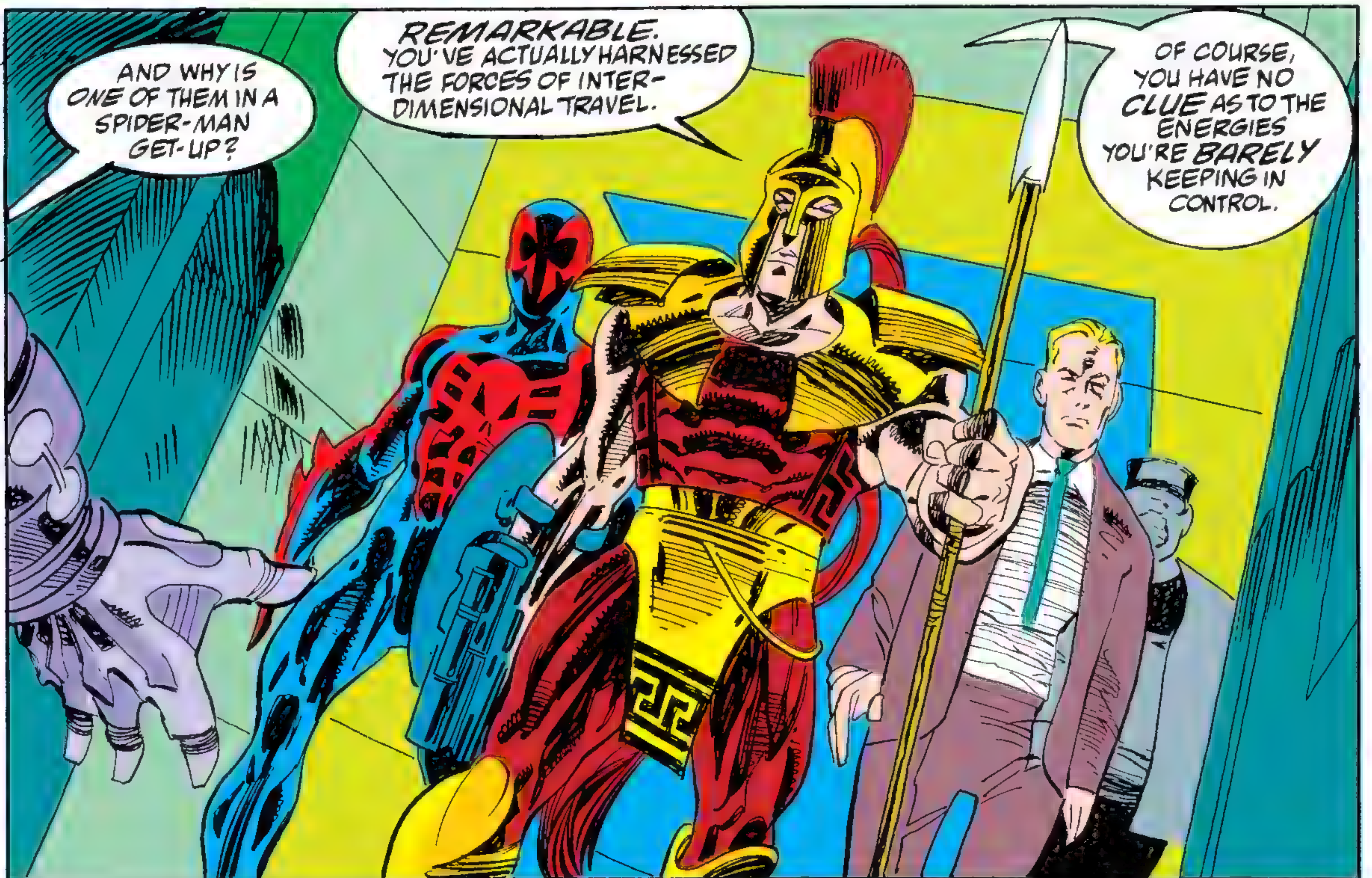
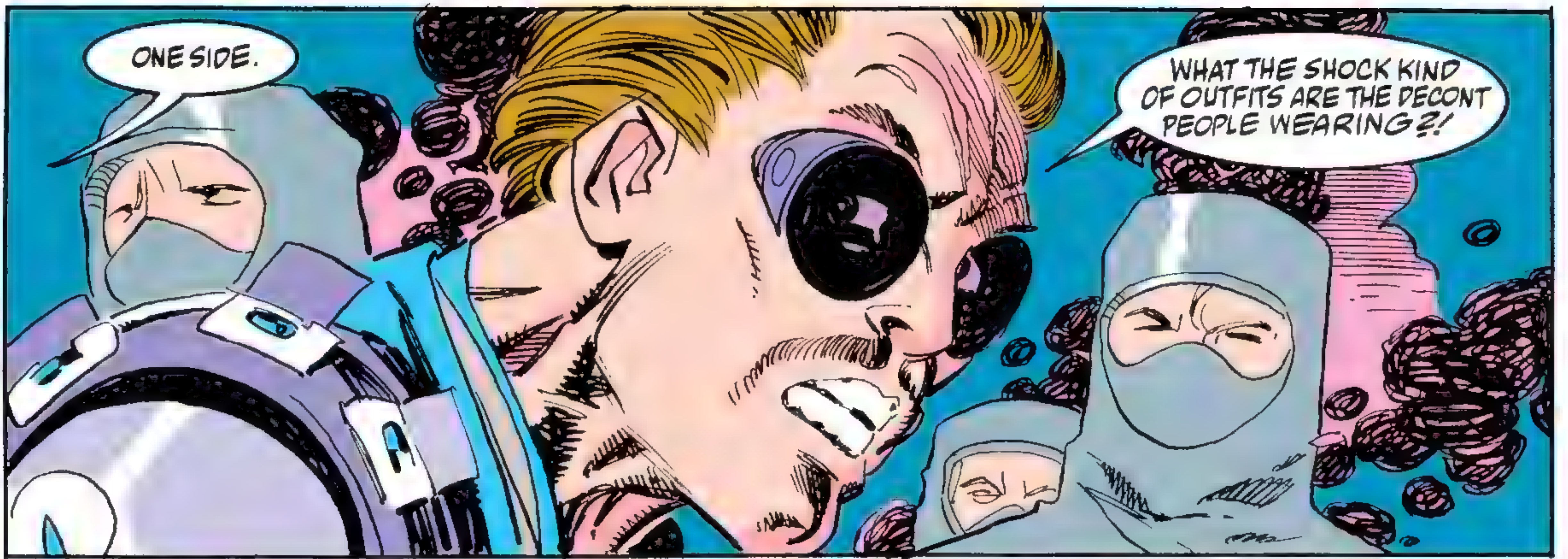




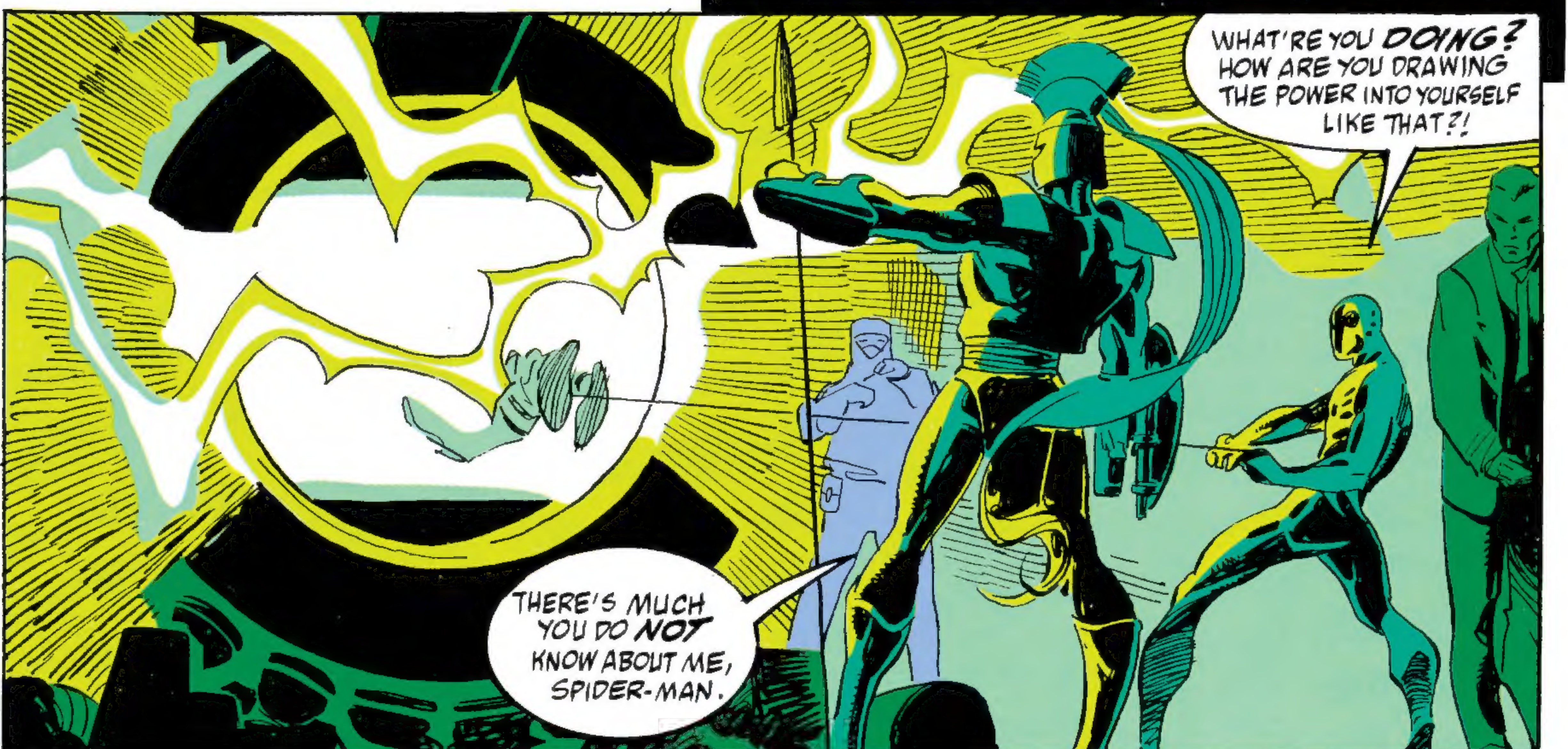
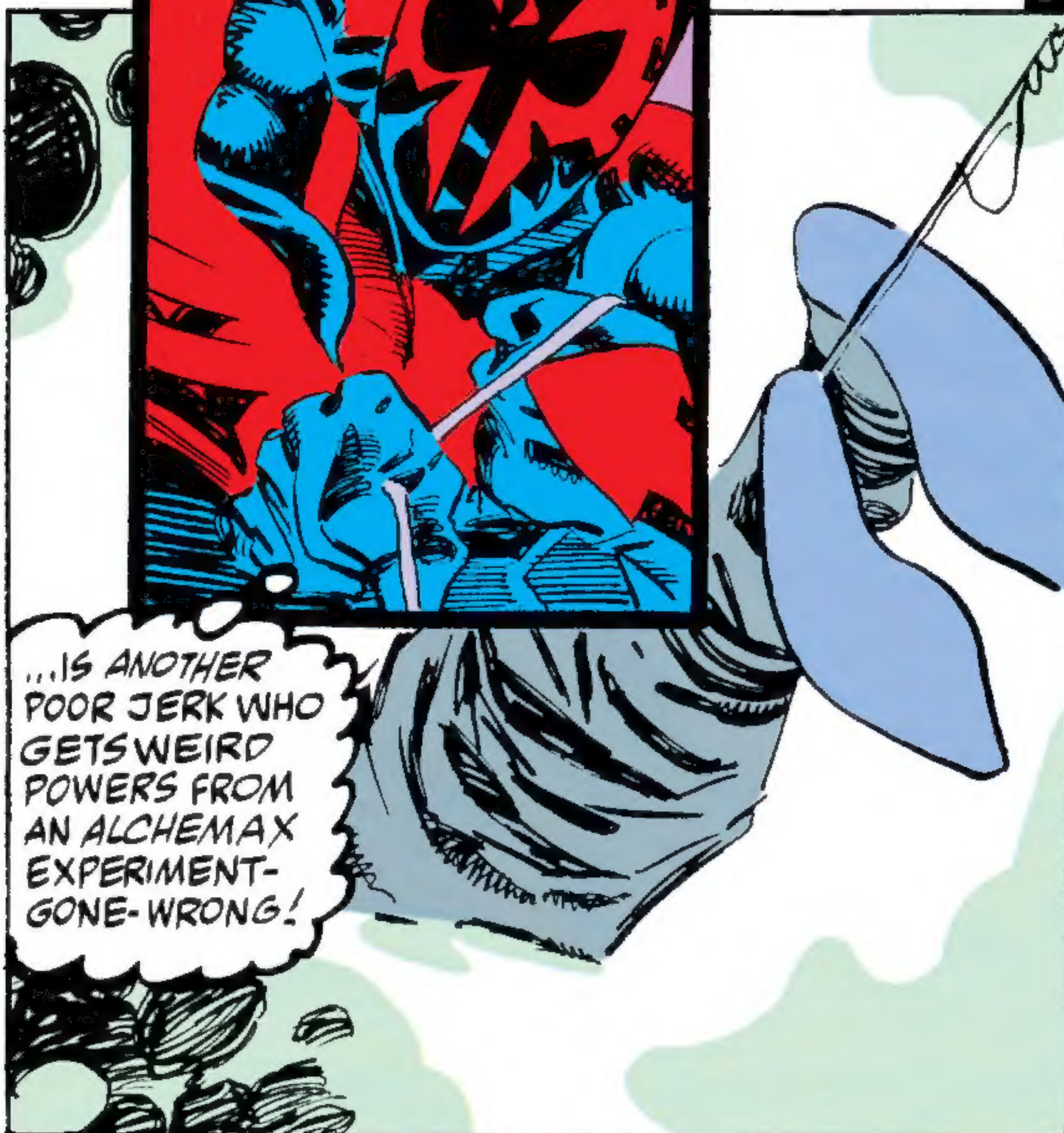
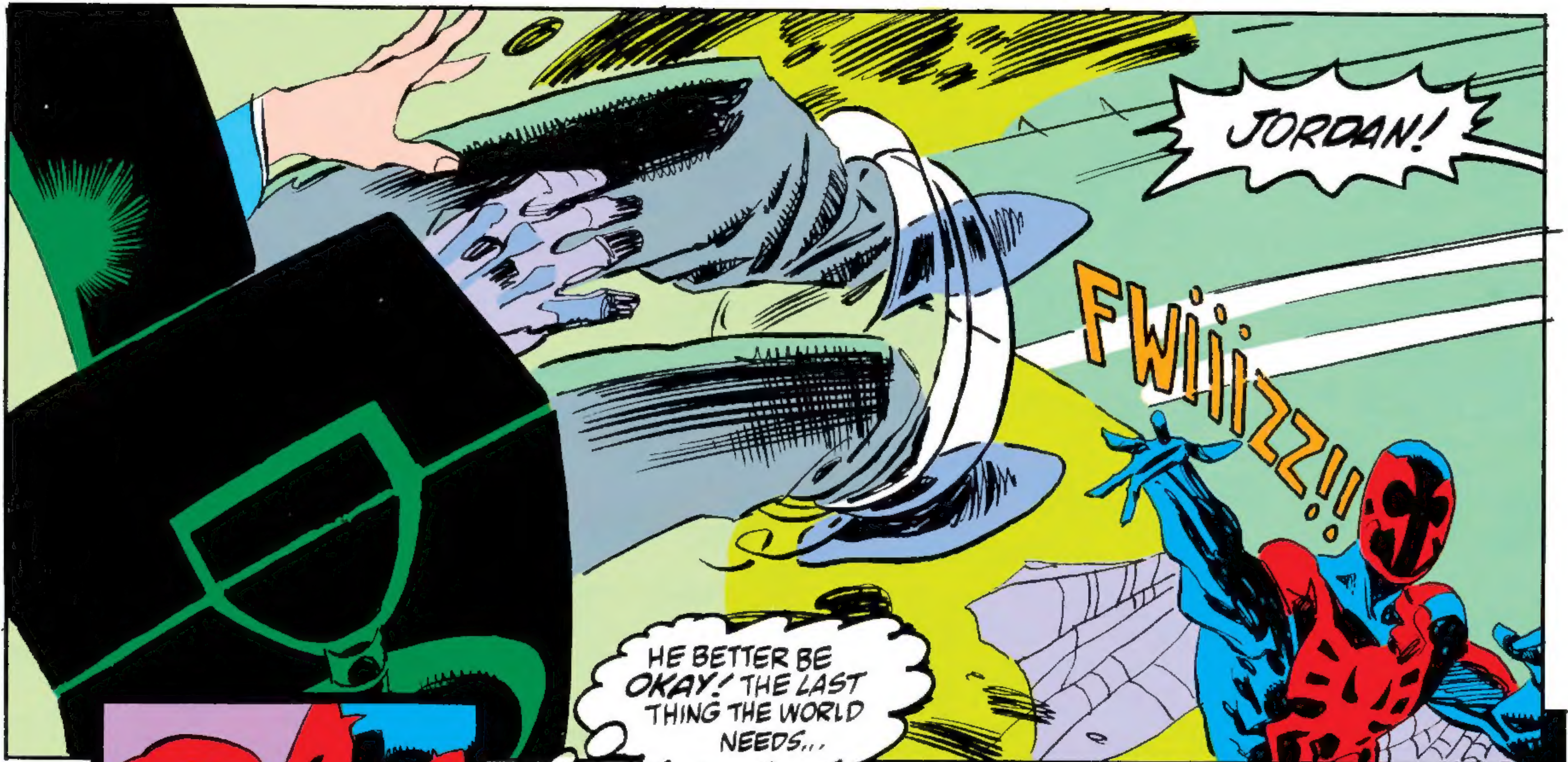




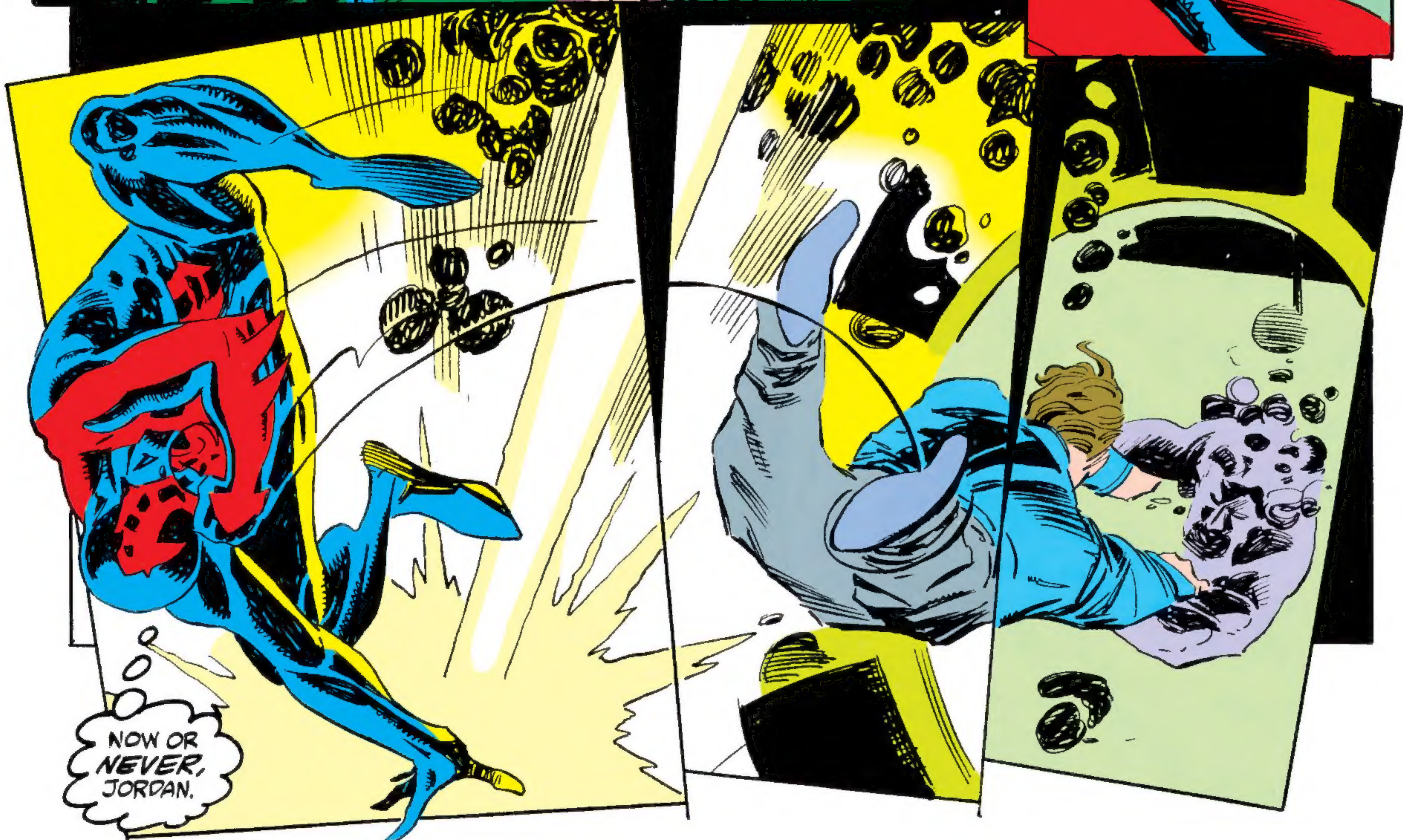
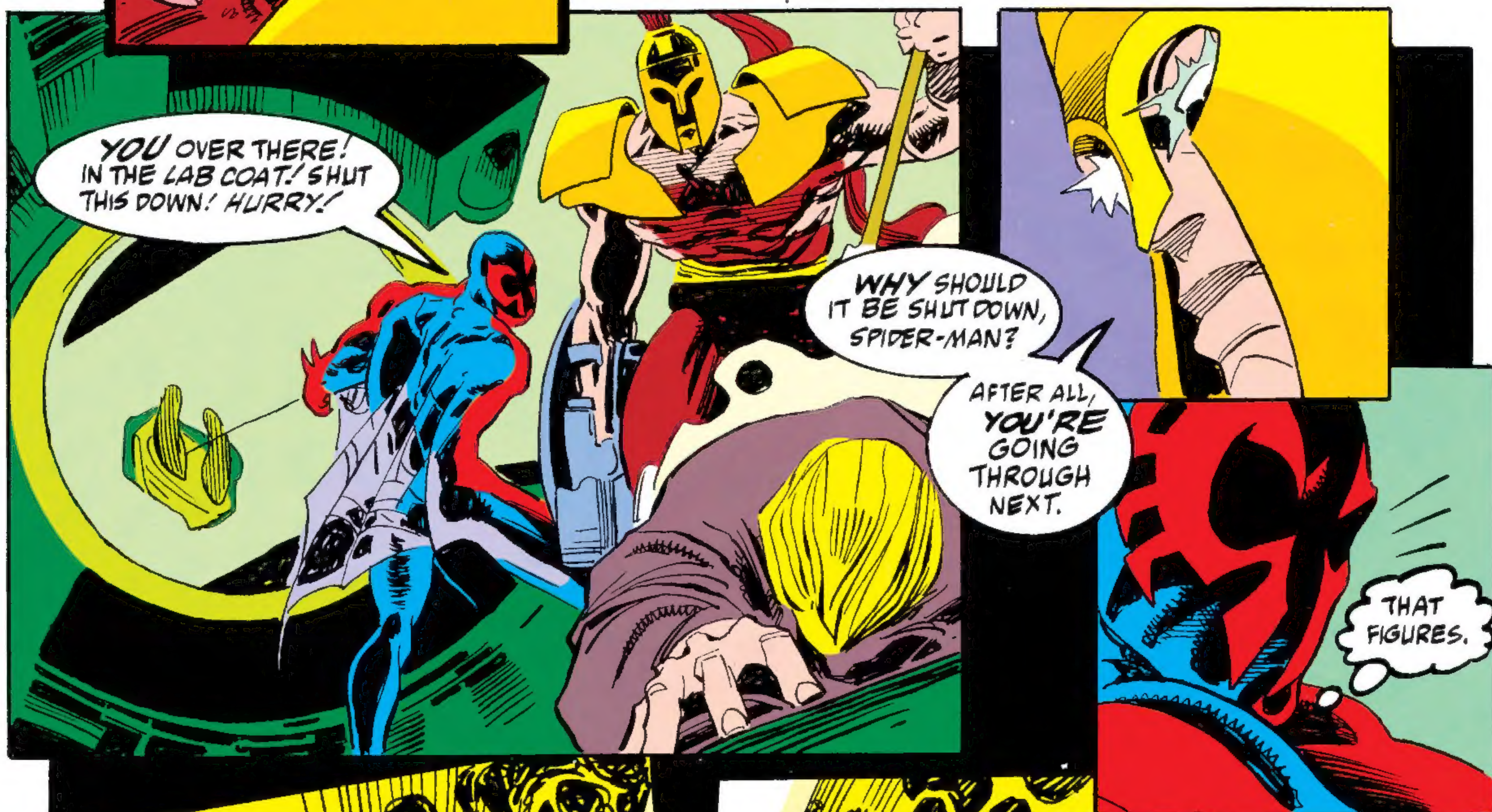
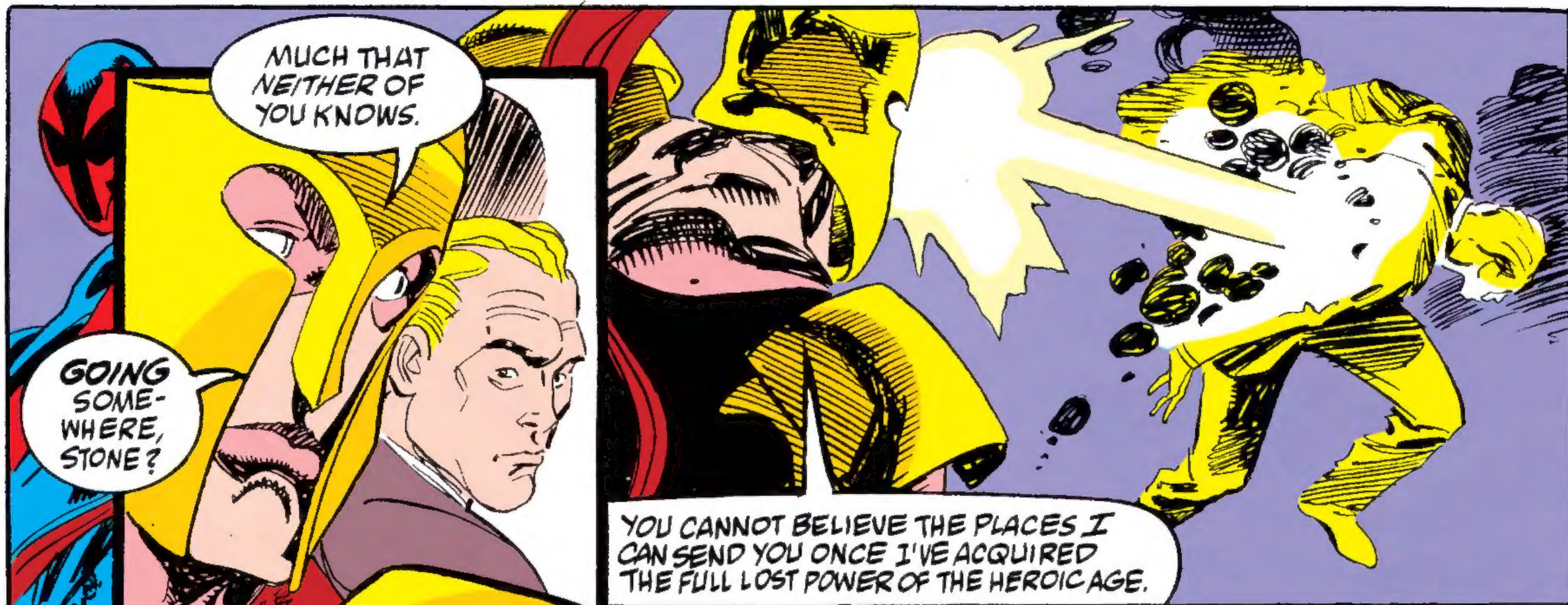
















UH...  
GOOD.  
TELL YOU  
WHAT...

YOU GET  
YOURSELF SETTLED  
IN, AND WE'LL JUST  
GET OUT OF YOUR  
WAY...

I... I DID IT...  
...I'M BACK. I'M  
BACK!!



**NEXT: THE PROPHET!**



